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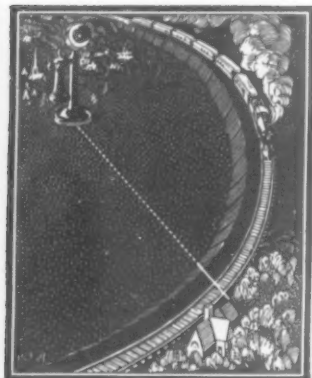
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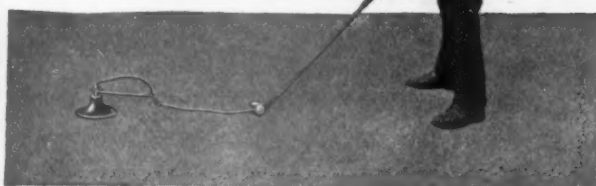
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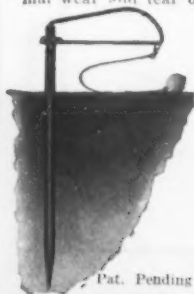
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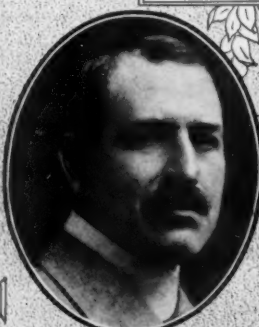
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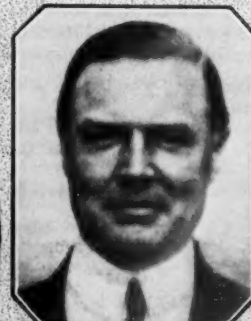
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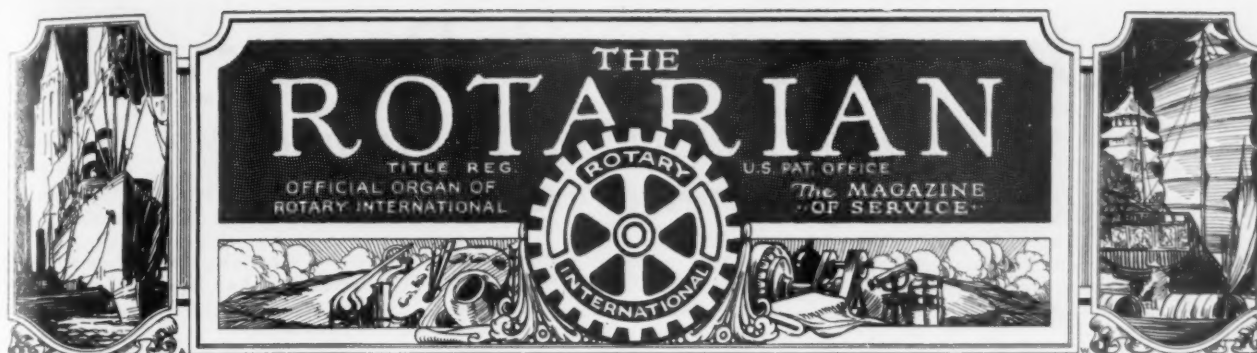
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What About It?

By ARTHUR MELVILLE

THE sixteenth annual convention of Rotary International was recently held in Cleveland.

"Well," says the man in the street, "what about it?"

Briefly this: That ten thousand people from twenty-four nations were collected at one point for four days; that they came there believing financial profits are not the sole reward of business and departed without changing their belief—rather with their conviction increased.

Rotary did not originate its theories as to the value of fair-dealing and friendliness. As a Japanese Rotarian pointed out during the convention other groups in various periods and countries hold and have held very similar views. Yet because Rotary tries to make its members active rather than passive believers, this crowd of business and professional men from various points in and between New Zealand and Alaska came to study principles to which they are publicly committed by their cog-wheel emblem.

Other organizations might have held, in fact do hold, such conventions. No man would assert that Rotary is the sole depository of all virtue. However, this convention received columns of newspaper publicity. It was one of the events of the day in the movies. Its speeches were broadcast by the radio. "And what about it!" says the man in the street.

Well, it must be realized that only insofar as this convention proved its tenets capable of practical application has it any meaning for the rest of humanity. Only inasmuch as it showed that men of varying races, faiths and political beliefs can find some common ground on which to plant institutions has the rest of the world any interest in such affairs. More spectacular aspects of the convention have not the durability of common interest.

These conventions cost money? Indeed they do, and it is only because they do teach men of one town and nation to respect the views of those from other towns and nations that the expense becomes at all justifiable. It will be suggested that this desirable result might be secured by other means and with less outlay of time and money. True—yet too often no such results are apparent despite numerous agencies for their promotion. Personal rather than vicarious experience is still desired by many.

Nevertheless, it would seem advisable for every Rotarian who feels that the convention was worth while to convey his feelings to his friends.

As the man in the street did not attend your convention, he derives his impression of it from the press; from what you say; and, chiefly, from what you do.

Many clubs will hear reports by their delegates—who will tell the story to the man in the street?

One Week of Rotary

A Report of the Cleveland Convention

By EMERSON GAUSE

MOSES CLEVELAND marching westward in 1796 discovered a trading post at the mouth of the Cuyahoga river. He liked the place, made friends with the settlers, and laid out a town. One hundred and twenty-nine years later—in 1925—ten thousand Rotarians marching from all corners of the world rediscovered Cleveland. They found a city of a million people, a great industrial center with a magnificent hospitality, all symbolized in a great auditorium—a sort of glorified monument conceived as a tribute to the ideals of Cleveland, built by her citizens, and dedicated to social progress, industrial achievement, and civic interest. The citizens of Cleveland made no mistake when they erected that auditorium—it is the city's greatest asset and her best advertisement.

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ON Monday morning, June 15th, Cleveland woke up to find herself the most cosmopolitan city in the world—to discover that during the previous twelve hours there had been a peaceful, though vigorous, invasion of Rotarians. They filled the hotel lobbies. In the Auditorium long queues were forming before the registration desks and as quickly dissolving as each delegate was given both immediate and efficient service. It was the visitor's first experience with an *esprit de corps* that was to make the Cleveland Rotary Club famous before the week was over. It was also the visitor's first view of this vast Auditorium with its superior facilities and its clock-like machinery for taking care of a great convention. The arrangement and immensity of this civic cathedral erected as a symbol of a people's ideals, leaves an impression that is lasting. Completed in 1922 at a cost of \$6,500,000, it has the largest and finest public auditorium in the world—300 feet long, 215 feet wide, and 80 feet from main floor to ceiling—a glass ceiling with lighting effects utilizing all the colors of the rainbow. Approximately 12,000 people can be seated in this vast space, 4,500 on the main floor, 2,500 in the first balcony, 3,800 in the second balcony, and 1,200 on the stage. There is not a single pillar to obstruct the view. The stage has an opening of 72 feet, with the largest steel asbestos curtain in the world, weighing forty tons. There are five floors of dressing rooms served by elevators. The pipe organ—one of the

world's largest—was built at a cost of \$100,000 and has more than 10,000 pipes. Facing on the mezzanine floor, which encircles the seating-space at the level of the first balcony, are numerous large committee-rooms, offices, restrooms, and an emergency hospital station.

Embodying the entire space below the main floor is the Exhibition Hall. Here one finds every facility for work and comfort: barber shop, shower baths, restaurant, restrooms and conference rooms, and a post office, the latter a section of the main post office set up as a convenience both to the host of visitors and to the postal department in handling the tremendous amount of mail suddenly to be precipitated upon Cleveland.

Over two million visitors enter this Auditorium each year and it has housed every type of public entertainment from grand opera to the circus. Clevelanders speak of their Auditorium with affection. They know its superior qualities by heart and point to them with

pride. I was told, for instance, that the architects had arranged the elaborate system of ramps so that the entire main floor and balconies could be emptied in five minutes. At the close of the Rotary pageant on Tuesday night—when every seat was taken—I stood on the second balcony with watch in hand and checked up on my informant. From the last note of the closing number, until the vast seating-space had been emptied—with the exception of a few stragglers who remained to visit with their neighbors—exactly four and a half minutes had elapsed.

From bellhop to bank president they all speak of it as OUR auditorium.

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IN the Exhibition Hall below the main floor, a miracle had been wrought in the creation of the House of Friendship. Here one entered an atmosphere of friendliness and comfort—a place of relaxation during the off-hours of the convention. Forty separate district headquarters had been set up, each a magnet drawing Rotarians to their district kin-folks.

Just off the first balcony were located various convention committees including a staff of some fifteen people from the International Secretary's Office at Chicago. They represented various phases of the work at Rotary Headquarters and they gave service to a constant stream of Rotarians—service which included a multitude of duties of every conceivable variety, from the giving of a simple direction to secretarial assistance for committees and special assemblies. Here the ubiquitous "Ches" Perry, International Secretary, gave out of his largess of Rotary experience to club presidents and secretaries.

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THE pride of Clevelanders for their city was reflected in the welcoming address by George H. Miller, president of Cleveland Rotary, on Monday night, when he pointed out that "Not only do Cleveland Rotarians welcome you, but the entire citizenship of Cleveland bids you welcome to our city, to our institutions, and to our homes." And his concluding expressive of a larger vision beyond city and homeland, a hope that this convention "will serve to cement still closer the friendships already standing and to make countless new ones, to the end that in the not-distant future, may come a feeling of goodwill,

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understanding and confidence that will lead to universal peace."

Canon William Thompson Elliott—he of the tall figure and determined chin—responded in behalf of the visitors. "I want to express the hope which I am sure is in the hearts of everyone in this great building," he declared, "that this Sixteenth Rotary International Convention will really bear fruit in the vitalizing of our movement with fresh life and fresh power, and that we who are privileged to be present here will go back to our various countries and cities and clubs, and carry with us something of the inspiration which I am sure that we shall derive from this convention so auspiciously begun."

A magnificent tribute was paid to International President Everett W. Hill upon his presentation to the convention by Harry S. Fish, chairman of the Convention Program Committee. President Hill had just completed a 25,000-mile swing throughout Great Britain and Ireland and the continent of Europe. Here he had spent two fruitful months of service; prior to that he had officially represented Rotary International at district conferences in North America and in the Republic of Mexico. During his year of office he had given practically every day of his time to Rotary. The applause and cheering that greeted him was a marked tribute to a year of devoted service—a year in which Rotary had received tremendous impetus in number of new clubs organized; a year which had been one of outstanding achievement.

President Hill graciously acknowledged the compliment paid to him, and, in very few words, officially convened the Sixteenth Annual Convention of Rotary International. Immediately thereafter, Past President Frank L. Mulholland, of Toledo, led in a ceremony in memory of those who had passed on. His address was a memorial to the dead and a challenge to the living. "While men gladly die for their country, should we find it difficult to live for our country? For you and for me there is no note of clarion bugle, or rattle of martial drum to summon us to heroic service. Our paths are the paths of peace, and our worth will be measured by our individual capacity to

serve in the commonplace duties of everyday life, to the end that we make this old world a safe place, a friendly place, a better place in which to make a living." A motion by the speaker, and the assemblage arose and stood with bowed heads to the organ accompaniment of "Abide With Me."

The first part of the evening's program was followed by the Rotary Pageant. Pageantry depicting the growth and spirit of the organization had its beginning with the convention at Atlantic City in 1920. Starting first as an experiment it has become a part of the Rotary convention, culminating last year in the great and colorful spectacle at Toronto, mostly by professionals from the Exhibition Park forces. This year Rotarians were not disappointed. With a cast made up wholly of amateurs who had rehearsed for weeks without remuneration of any kind except the pleasure in serving, a spectacle was produced that ranks well with any recent productions in America. I will not attempt to describe the pageant, since this has been done elsewhere in this magazine.

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IF I were asked to interpret this convention in a few words, I should say that it *practicalized and energized the Six Objects of Rotary*. Beginning with Tuesday morning's session and the stressing of the first object, "The ideal of service as the basis of all worthy enterprise," this and each succeeding session with its keynote object seemed to form a wonderful Rotary pattern, the warp representing the objects to be practical and workable, the woof the energizing and vitalizing efforts

necessary to bring achievement. "The objects of Rotary bear directly on every problem before the world today; they bear directly on every country and every state and every province; it behooves Rotarians as leaders among business and professional men, upon whom such responsibilities surely rest, to hearken to the call and to put Rotary to work." That was not only the theme of one address, it seemed to permeate the thought of every speaker, whether his subject was business methods, boys work, law observance, international peace; whether voiced in convention

hall or in special assembly groups.

And nowhere was this sentiment more strongly voiced than by President Hill in his address on Tuesday morning. Although this has already been printed in full in this magazine, I would repeat his appeal for toleration and friendliness—world wide. Not that we are to preach it necessarily, although that is needed—but that we are to live it. "We must tear intolerance from our lives," he declared. "The spirit of intolerance on the part of any Rotarian, any community, any nation is in direct opposition to the fundamental truth of Rotary. Intolerance has no place in a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service. Let us fight it with an understanding and compassion so broad, so fine, that it will be forever banished from the world. Understanding is the foe of intolerance."

And the same thought had been given emphasis in the message from Senor Gerardo Machado, president of the Republic of Cuba, which was read during the morning's session. "Fully conversant with the work of Rotary, knowing the ethical principles which govern it, as well as the high spirit of service and goodwill which has promoted the progress of this institution throughout the world, I sincerely hope that its activities may continue rendering the best services to humanity and that its cooperation may be a decisive factor in the maintenance of the world's peace and good understanding among nations."

From Paul P. Harris, president

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YEAR-BY-YEAR CONVENTION FIGURES

YEAR	WHERE HELD	CLUBS REPRESENTED	TOTAL CLUBS IN ROTARY	CONVENTION ATTENDANCE (INCLUDING GUESTS)	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP
1910	Chicago.....	14	16	60	1,500
1911	Portland.....	19	28	149	2,500
1912	Duluth.....	41	50	598	5,000
1913	Buffalo.....	77	83	930	10,000
1914	Houston.....	110	123	1,288	15,000
1915	San Francisco...	133	186	1,988	20,000
1916	Cincinnati.....	217	247	3,828	27,000
1917	Atlanta.....	267	311	2,654	32,600
1918	Kansas City....	367	407	4,034	38,800
1919	Salt Lake City...	393	530	3,038	45,000
1920	Atlantic City...	664	758	7,213	56,800
1921	Edinburgh.....	746	975	2,302	69,000
1922	Los Angeles.....	956	1,215	5,858	81,000
1923	St. Louis.....	1,312	1,493	6,778	89,700
1924	Toronto.....	1,553	1,794	9,187	100,000
1925	Cleveland.....	1,843	2,093	10,237	108,000

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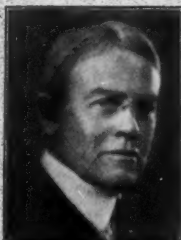
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The Thrill of the Convention

Rotary and prohibition—group singing—the pageant—special assemblies—Convention friendships

By ED R. KELSEY

AFTER an International Convention, we have always had four or five of our delegates try to impart the thrill of the gathering by taking five or ten minutes each. The result has ever been unsatisfactory—in many cases it was a positive bore to the members because no one had time enough to really land anywhere.

Nothing is harder to pass on than second handed inspiration. To get an appreciation of certain things we must see them, be on the ground, have an actual part in them. This year our Program Committee decided to try a new scheme and have one member come back and take all the time in an attempt to bring some of the great thrill and inspiration of this wonderful meeting.

I have never written a talk in advance nor have I tried talking from notes, but I am going to try and give you a birdseye view of the many sessions and to do that means that I have jotted down a lot of notes. Don't get scared, though, for I have been in the railroad business so long that my terminal facilities are still good. At least I hope it will not be like the preacher who when he came to what we all thought was surely a closing climax, started all over again, saying:

"Friends, I speak to generations yet unborn"—and a little fellow in the back of the church muttered:

"Well, speak a little longer, Parson, and they'll all be here."

Rotarians and Hotels

For the first time at an International Convention, I didn't hear a kick about hotels. You can have the greatest speakers in the world on the program but if the average visitor has to sleep in a closet and eat off a shelf he will come back home, vowing never again to go to a convention.

With the crowds growing to such tremendous size it is getting to be a vexatious problem for I've noticed that each Rotarian must have a room and bath. They seem to be that kind of folks. That can mean only one thing and that is that very soon—and I look for it within five years at least—we will not have a great International Convention annually because it will be impossible to adequately house it. Instead I look for annual National Rotary conventions in the various countries, they

to elect delegates to an International Congress of Rotary say every three years. So if you folks expect to see another International Rotary Convention you'd better start making plans for Denver now for any year may be the last.

Another most striking thing. Despite the fact that over 12,000 came from literally the world over, I never saw a person under the influence of liquor. I remember standing on the mezzanine floor at the Statler looking down on the great throng on the lobby floors, hustling, bustling, singing, cheering, and a bellboy, standing close to me, seeing my Rotary badge, remarked:

"That's sure a funny crowd. To look at 'em you'd think they were all souzed but there ain't a bottle in the crowd."

I talked to numerous traffic cops and all said it was the first convention they had ever seen where they didn't have to escort a bunch of delegates back to their hotel.

One said: "I never saw such a happy bunch. I haven't seen a grouch all week. And yet a lot of folks tell me you can't have a good time around the pump."

Rotary's Only Rules

And right here is a pretty good place to remind the new members that Rotary has no rituals, no secrets. From the start, though, it said two things. One was that intoxicating liquor could never be served at any Rotary function. That was long before this country went dry, when many couldn't believe any successful banquet at our great business conventions could be successful and yet dry. Rotarians soon were on the arrangement committees of the conventions of their craft and soon these banquets were held without liquor and this, too, long before the 18th amendment. Rotarians are not prudes. They carry matches—some I know still have openers on their key rings. They are "regular guys" and yet they not only say but they show the world that they do not have to rely on the false exhilaration of liquor to have a good time. And what a practical demonstration Rotary gave the world in Cleveland. Every newspaper there spoke of it; it was common talk among Cleveland citizens. It made every Rotarian go home prouder than ever of his membership.

And the only other rule, boys, was that you could never tell a story or jest or sing a song at a Rotary gathering that you could not take home, tell your wife or daughter and not bring a blush of shame to their faces. This had a tremendous effect on the great banquets of business men for before the Rotary day, the after dinner speakers had scores of the "off color" stories. Today in such gatherings you never hear them from the speakers' table and largely because of the example Rotary gave the world.

The World Before You

Everyone wore hat bands so that it was easy to see where they came from and if you wanted a conception of the world strength of Rotary all you had to do was to stand on any corner and see the processions from every state in the Union and from every corner of the world pass by. If you went to Cleveland with an idea that Rotary was just a Luncheon Club movement, you came away with a realization that it was a great world power in friendliness, that it was girding the world with a golden chain of friendship whose every link was indestructible because it was forged on the anvil of Brotherly Love.

Every religion has the Golden Rule stated in language almost like our own, Persian, Grecian, Chinese, Buddhist and Egyptian. It remained for Rotary to take the age old doctrines as laid down in the Sermon on the Mount and work them out in a man's daily life and business. It was indeed thrilling to hear so many men from across the waters say that the Perpetual Peace of the world would never be written by Diplomats, Politicians or Statesmen but would eventually be written in the Rotary terms of Friendship and understanding. It is indeed a great world force—this Rotary of which each member is a vital cog in the wheel.

I also had a new conception of what mass singing can be. Do you know that many men sang for the first time when they came into Rotary? They found there's nothing to turn on the fountain of happiness quite as quickly as a good sing. Let that great throng be a little tired from long sessions and almost instantly they were transformed through the power of a song, a

"seventh inning" stretch and a good laugh.

Everywhere you went you saw Rotarians laughing. My, what a great thing that is, what a tremendous contribution to the happiness of the world. Every Rotary gathering is half gay and half gray, or ought to be. More men have, I sometimes think, been given a firmer grip on life, a new conception of what it can mean in the sum total of happiness by the fun of Rotary than by any other agency. I have always remembered what our past president, Gus Ohlinger, said:

"The serious purpose of Rotary is nonsense."

Think it over. He didn't mean the ribald nonsense of the street but the golden nonsense of the heart. There is no greater work than in teaching men to smile. That they have learned their lesson well was surely proved beyond a doubt at Cleveland.

Now for the Pageant

We now come to the opening Monday night with the great Pageant. Folks started coming by 7:30 and by 8:00 every seat in that structure was taken. What a sight! Every man had his coat off and every lady was fanning. When the organ wasn't playing the crowd was singing and romping like a lot of school boys.

You can imagine the ovation International President Everett Hill received. He presided with dignity all through the convention and at all times was the boss, but never exercising his authority without a smile.

The Memorial to departed Rotarians was most impressive and in the hands of our own Frank Mulholland was put over in a way long to be remembered.

Then came the wonderful Pageant written by Past International President Arch Klumph. It would not be fair to compare it to Toronto for in the Canadian city it was held in a great park. This was inside and given largely by young girls of Cleveland who had rehearsed for weeks through the hot spell with no thought of reward. It was most impressive and had it been held on a night when it was cooler and without having had so much ahead of it, no one would have thought of leaving before the grand climax.

There was a symphony orchestra of a hundred pieces augmented by the great pipe organ. We were first shown the Creation of the World and then the scene shifted to a street in Jerusalem and the brilliant costumes of the Orient and the street life of that city was depicted in a most realistic and beautiful way. Next was the Sermon on the Mount when the Rotary objects and its Code was first given to the world. The twelve disciples on the mountain top and the crowd of citi-

zens at the base knelt in respect and awe in front of the gleaming light which represented the Giver of the Sermon.

The exciting Chariot Race, which in Ben Hur, was the most thrilling stage spectacle ever given before admiring throngs, was staged in a really wonderful way. We saw the chariots of Selfishness and Greed in a race with Rotary. For a while the former were ahead but just at the right moment the Rotary Chariot forged ahead to the screams of the delighted populace on the stage, cheering Rotary on. You can imagine what this meant in work with real horses and huge treadmills going at top speed at the same time.

The six great objects of Rotary were then depicted in beautiful descriptive dances. The 15-year-old girl who took the part of the Spirit of Rotary was a delight to the eye and a dream of grace. There isn't time to mention all the tableaux but just one will give you an idea. We saw a score of crippled kiddies hobble on the stage and sink exhausted on the stage. They tried to rise, stand erect and walk but their

infirmities held them down. The spirit of Rotary danced in with the sunlight, waved the magic wand of the Rotary wheel and all the kiddies threw off their outer coverings, discarded crutches and braces and danced in the wild abandon of youth, for they were all kiddies. It was a sight to bring the tears of joy to every eye.

The closing Pageant was the Grand Entry of the Nations. Each Rotary Nation was represented by girls in the costume of the country and they marched in to the martial air of the Nation's national hymn. Imagine the riot of color. Then all was still. A bugle was heard in the distance and a Boy Scout marched in, saluted, and came to the front with the flag of each Nation. They joined the dancers in the front of the stage behind the great circle of flags.

There was a great crash and boom, the strains of the Star Spangled Banner literally burst forth as the girls marched to the back of the stage, climbing long ladders that reached to the very top. The back of their costumes made a beautiful American flag and they waved Old Glory to the excited cheers and yells of the throng.

There are some things that cannot ever be described. Who is ever to impart the thrill that comes with the first view of the Grand Canyon? Who has ever painted the lacy loveliness of Niagara? There are certain emotions that can only be stirred when one is a part of the great spectacle. Such was this. It sent every one of us away with a new love of country kindled within us and an appreciation of the world-wide sweep of Rotary that in no other way could have been depicted to us.

World-wide Rotary

This was further brought to us the next morning in the entry of the overseas delegation when the crowd of men and women from literally around the world waved to us. Many came many thousands of miles, taking weeks of time to get here. Some spoke to us in their native tongue but all spoke the same language of Rotary Fellowship. We saw a man from the club in Alaska, farthest north, shake hands with a man from a club in New Zealand which is the farthest south. These were human interest touches with which the convention was filled.

We had, of course, expected to see the great hall packed for the Pageant but after that, many, who had not been to previous Rotary conventions, expected the delegates to do what most of them do at most conventions—stay away from the meetings. But every day that great structure was nearly filled for these folks had come to learn

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Convention Registration Figures

THE final report of the Registration Committee, as presented by Chairman James W. Kelley, gave the following as the total registration from the various countries represented at the convention at Cleveland:

Australia	12
Bermuda	4
Brazil	1
Canada	437
Cuba	12
Denmark	1
France	1
Great Britain and Ireland	55
Holland	2
Irish Free State	5
India	1
Italy	1
Japan	3
Mexico	27
New Zealand	12
Norway	1
Panama	3
Peru	1
Philippine Islands	1
South Africa	1
Spain	2
Switzerland	1
United States	9,651
Uruguay	2

Total Registration.....10,237

*"Bid me discourse
I will enchant thine ear,"
Some of those who spoke from
the convention platform.*



Will H. Hays, honorary member of Sullivan, Ind., Rotary Club.



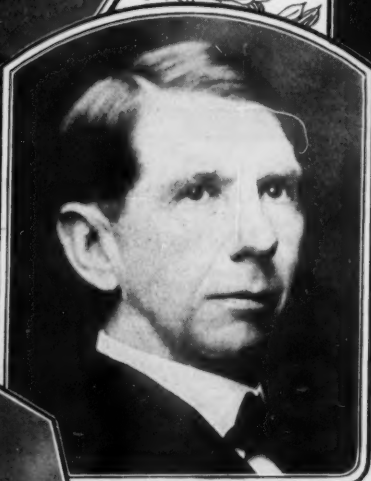
Canon Elliott of Liverpool, England, Immediate Past President, R. I. B. I.



Charles L. Mead, D. D., Bishop, Denver, Colo.



Allen D. Albert of Jacksonville, Fla., Past President, Rotary International, took for his subject "The Constitution, Looking Ahead Three Years."



Dr. Gus W. Dyer of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.



Charles R. Gardner, Honorary Member, Omaha Rotary Club.



Dr. Clarence Mackinnon, of Halifax, N. S.



James Wise, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas.



Levon Stepanian, chairman of the Boys' Club of Richmond, Va., told what he thought of Rotary



Will R. Manier, Jr., Nashville, Tenn., Chairman, Extension Committee.

Briton Meets Briton

Rotarians from far-flung centers of British Empire hold fellowship meeting at Convention

By CHARLES O. SMITH

THE spirit of an "Old Home Week" animates the British Empire Dinner, which is now, for British Rotarians, so popular a feature of the International Convention. Though the Empire is so far-flung it centers in thought upon a few things: the Crown, which represents British constitutional government; the Flag, which is the visible representation, in distant parts, of the Crown and of the British type of government; and that indefinable and intangible thing termed tradition, that background of achievement, which is so binding a cement in all the British countries. A British Rotarian may be from within sound of Bow Bells, or from Delhi, or Auckland, from Quebec or Johannesburg, still he will have thoughts in common with all other Rotarians from British parts, and he finds the Empire Dinner an occasion that is unique and sentiment-impelling.

Arthur Johnston, chairman of the Canadian Advisory Committee, presided over this dinner at Cleveland. At other conventions without doubt Rotarians from some of the other Dominions will occupy the place of honor. This will be the desire of the Canadians, who will be pleased to see a larger attention given in future to those ardent Rotarians who travel great distances over the seas to attend Rotary's annual meeting, inspired to make sacrifices of a very considerable sort by their devotion to the cause of Rotary. Arthur Johnston did not fail to draw an analogy, the existence of which has come to many British Rotarians, the analogy between International Rotary and what might almost be called International Britain. The bonds that hold the component parts of the two together are curiously alike. Not the least strong of these is the self-governing factor, exemplified within the British Empire by the constitutional freedom of the Do-

minions, and, in International Rotary, by the power of self-guidance enjoyed by the individual clubs as defined by Resolution 34.

But this is not to be an article dealing with the British Empire Dinner; it is to be a report of it. The writer was assigned by the editor of THE ROTARIAN to "cover" it, and the best way to interpret the spirit of the meeting is to give some of the high lights of the brief speeches that were there made.



Charles E. White of Belfast, Ireland, was recently elected President of Rotary International—Association for Great Britain and Ireland or, as popularly known, the "R. I. B. I." unit of Rotary. Charlie White has long been prominent in Rotary official circles, having served as a member of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee of Rotary International for four consecutive years. He is a charter member and past president of the Rotary Club of Belfast, and a director of Robert Hogg and Company, Ltd., of Belfast, cut glass and china merchants.

"I am happy to be at this gathering of Britishers," declared Fred Longley, of the Aylesbury Club, England, "but what I wish to say first is, that I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the welcome that I have been given by our friends of the United States. Surely the spirit that is being displayed here will have the effect of joining all the English-speaking people more strongly together, forging them in one powerful link in the world-wide Rotary chain as an influence for good in all the world."

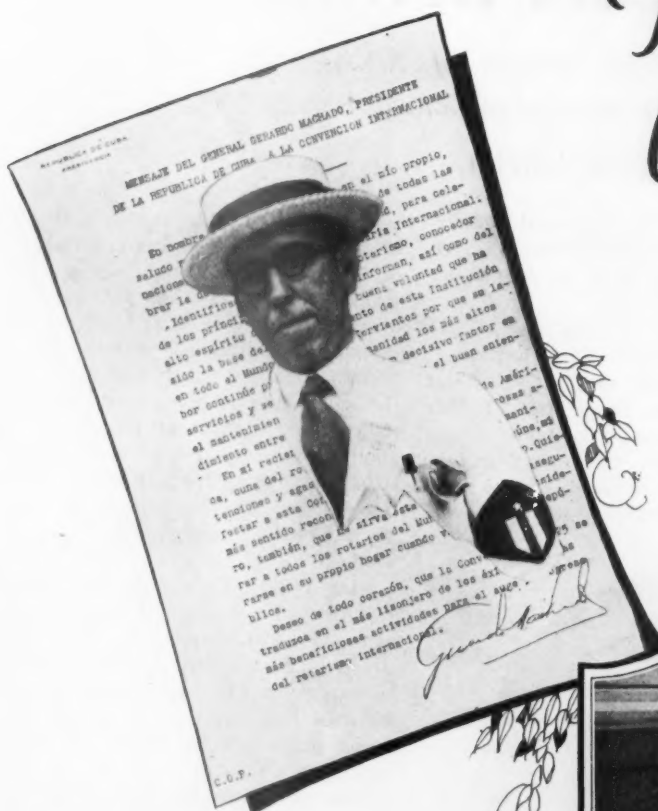
Alex Wilkie, Scotland's ever-popular representative said: "From the land of the heath and the heather I bring you greetings." He was sure that all Rotarians from overseas would go home inspired and strengthened "by this great gathering in the heart of the American continent."

Rotarian Robert G. Todd, of Belfast, Ireland, mentioned an historical fact that will prove of interest to American Rotarians when he referred to nine Presidents of the United States, "descendants of Ulster Scots." This declaration would have made a weightier impression upon the gathering had it not been that Alex Wilkie, a few moments before, had defined all men as "Scots or those who'd like to be Scotsmen."

Michael Rowan spoke for the Rotarians of the Irish Free State. He is a Dublin man and his speech sparkled with true Irish wit. But wit and serious thought are close to each other in Irish minds and Mike Rowan concluded in the characteristic national vein. "We have had our share of troubles in the past," he said, "what with fighting for Home Rule and fighting among ourselves after we got it. It used to be fighting and politics all the time (Cont'd on page 17)

They Came From Many Corners of the World

*Groups from some
of the twenty four
nations represented*



The message of General Gerardo Machado, President of the Cuban Republic and himself a former Rotarian, was presented by Francisco Prieto (above) of Havana, one of the twenty-five Cuban delegates at the convention. All Rotarians were assured of a hearty welcome to Cuba.



The Irish delegation brought a beautiful invitation (see also page 28) asking that the 1927 convention be held in Dublin. Michael P. Rowan, vice-president of Dublin Rotary, and his mother, are at the left of the group.



Mexico was well represented at Cleveland. Behind the fan is Fred W. Teele, now Special Commissioner in Europe, who started Rotary in the Republic, and standing at his right is I. B. Sutton, now governor of the Third District.



This picture was not snapped in Sing Sing, but on the roof of the Hotel McAlpin. Between shadows you can distinguish the following British delegates and their New York friends: front row (left to right) A. Linfield, Littlehampton, England; R. J. Knoepfel, New York; F. Burley, Sydney, Australia; Alexander Caven, New York; Alex Wilkie, Edinburgh, Scotland; C. R. Keck, New York; Canon W. Thompson Elliott, Liverpool, England; Pirie MacDonald, New York; R. G. Todd, Belfast, Ireland; J. Burnett Jones, New York; and F. Longley, Aylesbury, England.

Two of the delegates from "down under." They are S. McMurray of Christchurch, N. Z. (left); and Dr. W. Herbert of Wellington, N. Z. (right). Every Anzac who attended the convention traveled more than 10,000 miles, but they reached Cleveland without losing any of their enthusiasm.



The man in the last row with the dark-tinted glasses is District Governor Julio Miyares, who is surrounded by a group of Cuban Rotarians and their ladies.

A Few Rotarians from Far Away Lands

*The Convention—A magnet drawing
Members over long journeys*



I. C. Solberg, of Oslo, brought a message from the land of the mid-night sun.



Colonel Wade, past president of Manila Rotary, voiced the sentiment of the Philippines



From Porto Rico—R. M. Schuck and Francisco Soto Gras, both of San Juan.



The North and South of Rotary was represented—W. D. Munn, Auckland, N. Z., and Edward Morrissey, Kitchikan, Alaska.



Marcel Franck of Paris, France, spoke for his district.



Masakazu Kobayashi, secretary of the recently organized Rotary Club at Nagoya, brought greetings from the land of the cherry blossoms.



Arthur Reber, of Berne, represented Switzerland.



From sunny Spain there was Tomas Roses of Barcelona who has crossed the United States from coast to coast.



Commissioner R. W. Rusterholz, of Johannesburg, brought greetings from South Africa.

The Uniqueness of Rotary

The Rotary classification system and honor in business and profession—a convention address

By CANON WILLIAM THOMPSON ELLIOTT

I HOPE that the title which is put down for my address, "The Uniqueness of Rotary" is self-explanatory. What I want to do or try to do is to bring out for you those things in our great movement which seem to me to be distinctive and characteristic, distinguishing the Rotary movement from other movements, of which there are many, and from other organizations which aim at the moral and social well-being of the people.

I think it is very desirable that we should have in our own minds and that we should seek to inform the public as to those things in our principles which are characteristic and distinctive, which constitute the peculiar and really characteristic contribution which Rotary can make and should make to the public weal.

Now the line that I am going to try to take is this: I want to take that thing which is distinctive in our organization, that thing which is quite peculiar in our build-up and try to show, if I can, how that is really vitally connected with the things which are fundamental and characteristic in our principles.

I find in the British Islands, and I dare say it is true over here, that the distinctive feature of the Rotary Constitution—namely, our classification system, our system of building up the membership of our clubs by having one representative of each trade, calling and profession—is a system which is very much misunderstood and very seriously criticised, both by persons within the movement and by persons outside it.

The reason of that, I think, is this—that there is an inefficient understanding of the real reason of our classification system among the membership of our clubs. It is sometimes supposed that the classification system is merely an expediency by which we build up a certain representative membership and limit our membership to a reasonable number in each town or city.

It has, I think, not been sufficiently thought out that our classification system is really vitally connected with the things which are unique in Rotary; that it is vitally associated with the things which constitute the really characteristic and distinctive contribution of our movement to the public good.

I want to follow that line of thought if you will be patient with me by connecting our classification system with three words which I regard as key words descriptive of our principles. Those three words are fellowship, vocation and service. I want to show, in so far as I am able, that our classification system with its unique external machinery is really vitally associated with these three characteristic and unique contributions of Rotary to the public good.

Now take the first, the great fundamental of our movement—the fellowship among Rotarians. The point I want to make here is this—that a fellowship of men is of greater value when you have a fellowship which is built upon a certain initial diversity rather than when you have a fellowship which is built upon an initial uniformity.

The world is very full at the present time of all kinds of associations and societies of men, most of these societies being based upon a uniformity or identity of interest among the members of the association. We have that, for instance, in trade associations and political associations, and a great many other associations. The hypothesis upon which the thing is built up is an identity of interest and outlook and point of view in the membership of the association.

These things may be very useful, and no doubt are. I am not saying a word in criticism of them or their particular purposes, but I do say that from the moral value of fellowship, from the point of view of the spiritual worth of fellowship as a thing worth while in itself, a fellowship is enormously more worthwhile morally when it is based upon an initial diversity—when you get a variety and as great a variety as possible of points of view of training and outlook and interest in the members of your society.

I think that is a most important feature of our Rotary constitution. We have within a Rotary Club a unique opportunity of building up a fellowship which is based upon diversity. We have it as part of our Constitution that we shall have so many men from so many different ways of earning their living, so many men with so many different trainings and outlooks and interests and points of view.

If you can build up those diversities into a real fellowship of mind and spirit

you are doing something which is morally and spiritually far more worthwhile than when you simply create a fellowship which is based upon an initial uniformity or identity.

I will use an illustration which I have used in my own country and which I may be allowed to use again here, I think. I read a little time ago a book by a man from whom I always derive a great deal, Principal L. P. Jacks of Manchester College, Oxford. In this book Principal Jacks suggests what he would regard as an ideal constitution for a board of directors.

He suggests that if you had a board of directors of, say, six persons they might very well be selected as follows: You might have one of them a business expert, one of them a moralist, one of them an educationalist, one of them a prophet or seer, one of them an artist, and one of them a gentleman with sportsmanlike instincts.

IT occurred to me when I read that that you might go a little further than Principal Jacks does, and you might say that any one of those six named living his own life, fulfilling his own classification, without regard to the other man, isolated and distinct and not associated in any spiritual fellowship with the five divergent persons otherwise denominated—that that person so isolated becomes a positive danger to the community; that the business man, who is only a business man, who has no other interests in life except as a business man—have you got any such in the United States of America? we have some in the British Islands—who is wrapped up in his business and has no real concern, no vital interest in life besides his business, is the type of man, is the kind of man who lowers the tone of business life.

He may be a most efficient business man, he may be a man competent to the last degree in his own business, but he is not the kind of man who ennobles, who lifts up the tone of the business life in his community. The same is true of any one of the other five. I suppose that an educationalist, for instance, who is only an educationalist, the kind of person who looks at everything from the professional educationalist's point of view, is the kind of person who must tend to teach nonsense because he is so completely out of touch with life.

There are educationalists of that type. The artist who is only an artist is the kind of artist who becomes narrow. The moralist who is only a moralist, the man who is professionally, so to say, a moralist, who has no other standards of values by which to judge his fellows except the moral standard, is the kind of man whose morality becomes cold and hard and inhuman, is the kind of person who perpetrates cruelties. Yes, there are cruelties perpetrated in the world in the name of morality, because the moralist has got no point of view except a narrow, ethical point of view, and takes no human consideration into account.

What all these different men want is to be brought into touch with one another. Bring a business man, for instance, into touch with a visionary, with a man who sees visions, the prophet, and it will be good for the business man. The business man might even himself come to be able to see visions and he wouldn't be any less efficient as a business man because he could see visions. He would be more efficient. He would know how his own particular job fits in with the whole sum total of the activities of the human race. He would have a sense of proportion about his own job and he would know whether it is tending to any good purpose.

You bring the moralist into touch, say, with a gentleman of sportsmanlike instincts, and it will be good for both of them. It is that elusive quality which we call sportsmanship which keeps morality sweet and clean. And, on the other hand, Fellow-Rotarians, it is what we call morality that prevents sportsmanship from degenerating into roguery.

WHAT we want is a vital association between the different types of mind and spirit, and I say that our classification system gives us that unique opportunity, like nothing else in the world does that I know, of bringing together men who by hypothesis are of different types, different outlooks, different temperaments, and giving them a chance of welding together into a real spiritual fellowship which will make the whole body a corporate moral force of possibilities for power which cannot be exaggerated.

I want to say that we do ourselves an injustice when we speak as we sometimes do about our Rotary club meetings being an excellent opportunity for the exchange of opinions. For heaven's sake, don't attach too much importance to your opinions. It is notable in the case of most of us that other people don't attach the same importance to our opinions that we do ourselves.

I want to say quite seriously that very often the least valuable part of a

man is his opinions. Though there are not many men who would agree with you if you said so. I sit next to a fellow at a Rotary lunch not because I agree with his opinions but because I like the man or because I don't know the man and want to know the man. What I get out of that is something which is spiritually more worth-while than a mere exchange of opinions.

That is that. Now I want to say a word about the relation between our classification system and vocations. That is to say, our way of earning our living. We have one of each. The principle, a most vital principle, which is here suggested is this—that from the Rotary point of view every way by which a man may legitimately earn his living is capable of being equally honorable with every other way by which a man may legitimately earn his living.

We don't make any distinctions and discriminations and say there are some ways of earning your living which are necessarily more honorable than other ways. We have one of each. They are all on an equal level of possible honorableness.

I want to suggest to you that that is quite a revolution in point of view. That is not at all the point of view of the general public. I don't know how it is in this country. I dare say things are not quite so acute in that regard as they are in old countries, but it is perfectly certain that in any country, I think, the general public makes distinctions and discriminations between different ways by which a man may earn his living. It says that there are some ways which are more honorable than

other ways, that because a man is this, that or the other, professionally, or in business, he is in a more honorable place in the civic community than another man because this man is only so and so.

LET me illustrate what I mean, though the point is clear enough. If you were to choose an example of a profession which, through a long period of years, has been held in particular honor by the community, you couldn't choose a better example than the profession of a medical man. I have no doubt, in the whole world, as certainly in the old countries, the profession of a medical man is one which is held in peculiar honor. It is one of the group of professions which are regarded as being themselves necessarily more honorable than other ways by which a man may earn his living.

It is worthwhile to ask yourselves why that is so. Why is it that there are these distinctions and discriminations? I think the answer is not immediately obvious. I think it cannot be said that it is because the services which a medical man renders are necessarily in themselves more honorable than the service which many another man renders. I don't see why it should be more honorable to heal the wounds or cure the diseases of a man than it is to feed the man or clothe the man or to supply any other legitimate need of the man.

I don't see why it should be necessarily more honorable to give a man medicine than it is to give him food, provided, of course, that you are giving him wholesome food, provided that you are giving him the right food. Of course, if it is a question between giving a man medicine and giving him the adulterated food which caused him to require the medicine, then it is another matter.

If you are giving a man good food, wholesome food, pure food, why is that service any less honorable in itself than the service of giving a man medicine or ministering to the cure of his disease?

There is no answer to that. It is not less honorable. The public, nevertheless, thinks it is. Why? Not because of the particular service which the doctor renders but because of the way in which for a long period of years that service has been rendered. That is why. It is because there has been an effective tradition of honor within that service, because there has been a tradition that any man in the medical profession who put his own interests or his own comfort or his own convenience or his own well-being of any kind before the interests of his patient would be regarded as an unworthy member

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"Ain't Got Time"

How often do we hear this excuse given when someone is asked to serve on a committee, or take a car full of crippled kiddies on an outing? "Sorry, Old Man, wish I could—but I ain't got time. Call on me some other day." All of us are in the "ain't got time" class—therefore every reader will be interested in this article written for THE ROTARIAN by

ELLIS PARKER BUTLER

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—These questions and others answered in convention address*

By GUS W. DYER

SINCE I am the last speaker, I am sure that you would like for my talk to be as brief as a wedding ceremony that I heard of recently. A young country fellow rushed up to a country parson. He had his girl in the buggy. The horse had about given out. He jumped and said, "Parson, marry us quick. The old man is just a mile behind and his horse is traveling much faster than mine and it is necessary to make this ceremony brief."

The parson said, "Jine hands, you're hitched—git."

I am somewhat handicapped in addressing this great audience today. You know, it is very difficult for a typical American to make an address without jumping on to somebody, and since the whole human race is here today I am prohibited from doing anything like that.

In the brief time that I have I can only hope to be suggestive on this subject. You understand that no discussion of the subject is possible in a few minutes.

There is no fixed code of ethics. We will be compelled to know a great deal more about human relationships before we will be in a position to adopt a fixed code of ethics. Ethical standards grow out of a man's theory of life, and things are right or wrong as they conform or fail to conform to your theory of life.

There are two great theories of life—the supreme question in the heart of every man, instinctive and cautious, is this: How can I find life? Every one is supremely interested in that question. That accounts for all of our activities. That brought us to this convention. That will take us away. It is the supreme question of every human heart—*How can I find life?*

There are two answers to that question which constitute the two philosophies or the two theories of life. They both agree on this, that life comes from service. But the first theory is that life, happiness, contentment, whatever you call it, comes as a result of having other people to work for you—wait on you—serve you. The man who is in a position to command large services from men has found life.

The second theory takes issue fundamentally at this point. The second theory is that life comes not from service from others, but always comes

as a result of serving others; that life is work; life is service; that the man lives in proportion to the efforts he puts forth to serve men.

This great organization is based on the second theory of life, that "He profits most who serves best." This does not mean that material gain always follows the efforts of the one who has adopted this theory. It may mean sometimes loss, but the meaning is this: that he profits most in obtaining life and that is the supreme thing that we all want. "He profits most" in obtaining life "who serves best."

And as a matter of fact the only significance of material gain is its power to purchase life. Life is the aim; material gain is the means anyway.

This doesn't mean that there are not activities in the world where a man may not go into bankruptcy who follows this theory. There are occupations in the world yet based on the first theory of life, that the great object is to command men to serve you.

I was talking with a man who was in the fish business, a very intelligent man. That was some years ago. He said, "A man can't be honest and be in the fish business."

I asked him what he meant.

He said that he meant what he said—he was in the business and he knew.

I asked for an explanation.

He said, "Well, we have our fish shipped to this point C. O. D. 200 miles. Of course, we never pay for the fish until we see them, and when we go down to examine them we declare them unsound always. We know they will not ship the fish back; that the only possible thing to do is to put them up and sell them at auction, and then we buy them for about one-half of what we agreed to pay. A man can't be honest and be in the fish business."

A LITTLE later I met a friend of mine who had gone into the oyster business. I told him what this man said about the fish business.

I said, "I don't know whether it applies to oysters or not."

He said, "Well, he was about right."

He said that he sold his oysters for the same price that he gave for them 200 miles away. He made his profit by pouring in water.

I could understand very well how he

could make a profit at selling water for two dollars a gallon.

There are numbers of activities in the world yet that haven't come up to the standard. But today among intelligent business men, regardless of their individual ideals and individual characters, if they know business and the principles of business, in nine cases out of ten they will tell you, I think that "He profits most" in a material sense "who serves best."

You can hardly point out a single successful business man today in this country, a man who has made a conspicuous success, who has made a great fortune, who has not followed that principle and that theory, "He profits most who serves best." And it is due to that theory chiefly that he has been successful.

We are beginning to get hold of that theory (we were awfully slow) in the realm of politics. Nations are beginning very slowly to appreciate this principle.

I really think that the chief power in developing the great British Empire is due to the fact that about 150 years ago Great Britain recognized the fact, at least in politics, that in dealing with the colonies, "He profits most who serves best."

This does not mean that for a man to adhere to the principles of honesty means that he is going to succeed in a financial way.

Several things are necessary to enable a man to succeed in business. This is only one of them. Today with sharp competition a man must have personality and energy and grit and a number of other things in order to build up a fortune. This is a guide and a guide is a mighty good thing to have, but you can't substitute a guide for the motor or the gasoline.

Some men have difficulty in applying this great principle in the field of competition and I hardly know of anything that has been more misinterpreted and worse misunderstood than the ethics of competition. This is due to the fact that there are two kinds of competition. One is destructive and the other is constructive.

The man who goes out to try to destroy and kill his competitor, as a means of getting a monopolistic con-

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I saw by the papers-

Some convention features that added life and color-



The Rotary Club of Paris, France, presented this bronze statuette to Rotary International.



Port Huron, Mich., sent this Boy Scout orchestra which delighted the audiences in the House of Friendship. These boys were also at the Toronto convention — with the same result.



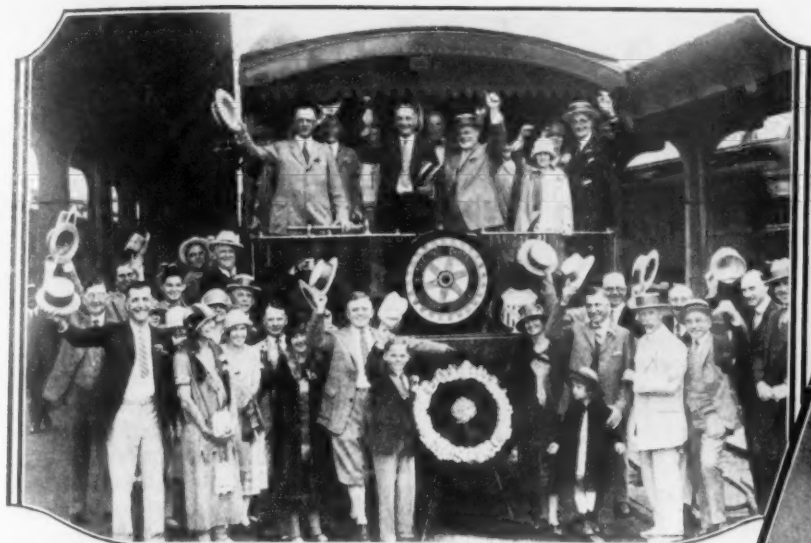
The Cleveland Boy's Band was at the pier to greet the British delegates and was often seen and heard during the convention week.



This "trumdrum" Shrine band of Canton, Ohio, furnished some of the music for the pageant and its lusty harmony evoked many comments.

The Wichita, Kansas, quartette has sung at many Rotary conventions, and has always had insistent demands for encores. Left to right: Harry W. Stanley, Clifford V. Hunt, Harrison W. Albright, and Merle K. Bennett.





The Second District Rotary Special crowded with happy passengers, and all "dolloed up" with flowers furnished by the Rotary Club of Montebello, Cal.



The Eustis attendance trophy was won by the Punta Gorda, Fla., club.



Tom J. Davis of Butte, Montana, and Canon W. T. Elliott, of Liverpool, England, were formally adopted into an Indian tribe, and given the names of Big Crow and Big Wolf, respectively. Here we have the two big chiefs in their war-bonnets.



Denver—the land of sunshine and snow—was well advertised by the snow fight staged by Denver Rotarians and their fair allies.



The alley behind the Statler Hotel was transformed into a vivid Italian street where gaily-dressed *contadinas* sold their wares and secured many lire for charity.



Here is Ralph Mayo, of the Denver Rotary Club, and his family, sombreros and all. They brought a car-load of snow as a sample of Denver climate in mid-summer, and among other things came to get a few good pointers on how to put on a Rotary Convention.

A Panorama of Service

Overseas delegates bring greetings and tell of Rotary's progress in various lands

Australia and New Zealand

By BEN GELLING

ON behalf of Rotarians in Australia and New Zealand, I wish to say how glad we are to constitute a link in the Rotary chain that is binding together so many of the nations of the earth in one great band of fellowship.

We ourselves are homogeneous people of British stock, and in our young and wonderfully fertile lands we are providentially spared many of the serious problems which confront older communities of the world.

Because Rotary is a spiritual movement it can only be interpreted in terms of the soul, but we believe that it is bringing into our business and professional life a new set of values.

We are learning that, ultimately, success cannot be divorced from service nor wealth from well-doing.

So, besides the six defined objects of Rotary, there is the limitless area of the spirit of man, which cannot be defined, and in which Rotary is destined to achieve its greatest triumphs.

We Rotarians of Australia and New Zealand are glad of the opportunity of taking part in this great international gathering. The spirit of good-will which has been so manifest among the delegates from all the countries represented here leads us to hope that the day is not far distant when men everywhere will discover that the things which belong to their common humanity are more real and of infinitely greater value than the things which divide them into separate and conflicting camps.

We believe it is true of the nation, as of the individual, that to serve best is to profit most, and we are determined to do our utmost to insure that our own countries shall so continue to play their part as to retain the confidence and good-will of their brother men everywhere.

Already, in no small degree, have we made our contributions to the advancement and progress of humanity. I

THE world-wide scope of Rotary was well illustrated on Friday of the convention week when Will R. Manier, Jr., Chairman of the Extension Committee, introduced overseas delegates to the convention. In succession the representatives of Australia and New Zealand, Mexico, Japan, Cuba, South Africa, France, Italy, Holland, Norway, Switzerland, Denmark and Brazil told their fellow-members of Rotary's status in their respective countries. As this mosaic of accomplishment was pieced together it became evident that Will Manier was right in saying: "There is something universal in this thing which we have stumbled upon, something that appeals to all men regardless of their nationality, regardless of the religious belief which they have, something which can be, and is destined to be world-wide."

might give you many instances; I will briefly refer to one.

The first flying machine in the world was constructed by Lawrence Hargrave of Australia, and when the famous American airman, Wilbur Wright, wrote to him to ask if the brothers Wright might use the Hargrave patents, Lawrence replied that he had no patents as his discoveries were "for all and at the disposal of all."

We believe that international peace will come only when each nation is striving to build its own national life on the eternal foundation of service and good will. And we value these international gatherings as an opportunity to know each other better. For to know each other better is to understand, and without understanding there can not be friendship.

It was with this thought in our mind that at the conference of Australian and New Zealand Rotary Clubs it was decided to request Rotary International to arrange a Pan-Pacific Conference, and you will be glad to know that it has been decided to hold such a conference at Honolulu next May. We earnestly hope that every Rotary Club in the area surrounding the Pacific will be adequately represented at that conference, and I would particularly urge the attendance of our friends from Japan and China.

Just because we Rotarians of Australia and New Zealand claim the right for our own countries to work out their own destinies, so do we understand and

respect the desire of others to develop within their own borders the sort of society that best realizes their own aspirations and which will enable them to play a worthy part in advancing the progress of the whole human family.

We rejoice that Rotary is spreading so rapidly among all civilized peoples. And as we bid you farewell at this time we, too,

"Thank God for the things of the spirit,
For the things that we feel
When we clasp, when we kneel—
Thank God for the sharing,
The caring,
The giving,
For the things of life's living."

* * * *

Thank God for the things of the spirit."

Mexico

By ERNESTO J. AGUILAR

OUR District Governor, Tom Sutton, has already told you something about Mexico, and we Mexicans are glad that he has conveyed to you our messages, because you can understand him better, perhaps believe him better, and it would be immodest for one of us to say so many nice things about our own country, such as Tom has said. I have known Tom personally for the last fifteen years and I think that perhaps the outstanding piece of work done by Rotary in Mexico was to elect him as governor of our district for the incoming year. Under his leadership, the success of Rotary is assured.

As a Mexican, I wish I had the time and opportunity to talk to you about Mexico, but we are here to discuss Rotary affairs and not our own countries. I have watched the development of Rotary in Mexico almost since its infancy; I was not one of the charter members of the Mexico City club, much to my regret, but I joined soon after. My work compels me to travel almost constantly all over Mexico and I have watched with great satisfaction the birth of all of the clubs and my experiences have been a continuous satisfaction.

Therefore, I am glad of this opportunity given me to tell you of the activities of Rotary in Mexico.

Mexico City. The Mexico City Ro-

tary Club has done splendid work along the lines of fellowship, boys work, and community endeavor. We have at present ninety-five members, all good Rotarians and good friends. We have contributed to the maintenance of the children's playground, although it must be said that the equipment was donated by the American Colony of Mexico City on the occasion of our Independence Anniversary. The Escuela Granja is a credit to Rotary, an agricultural school aiming to turn pickpockets and worthless boys into youthful citizens. We keep in close touch with civic and government organizations by conducting special meetings in behalf of post-office officials, traffic and fire departments, charitable institutions and Chambers of Commerce, with which we cooperate.

Monterrey. Those of you who were with us in Monterrey can safely vouch for what I will say about this club. They are the liveliest and most enthusiastic and all one hundred per cent Rotarians. Aside from the splendid Rotary work which they are doing, not over a month ago the entire Rotary club personally worked for eight consecutive hours on the building of a road to Saltillo, thus setting an example which has been followed by all other civic and labor organizations in Monterrey. Perhaps more work could have been accomplished in paying laborers to do the work, but by doing the work personally, they have inspired enthusiasm in the community.

Tampico. This club has also done a splendid work along Rotary lines but especially in the organization of Boy Scouts and the sending of six men for a period of six months at the expense of the club, to a fireman's school in San Antonio, Texas, to form the nucleus for an effective fire department, which before then Tampico did not have.

Vera Cruz. Here is a lively and enthusiastic club. To their activity is due the prevention of a terrific epidemic of smallpox. The Vera Cruz Rotary Club furnished the vaccine, and personally the Rotarians and their wives vaccinated not less than 36,000 people, and allowed themselves to be vaccinated several times in the presence of ignorant natives, just to show them that no harm would come to them.

Torreon. Torreon has almost spoken for itself at this conference, having brought a splendid delegation of men and a very good example of the beauty of Mexican women. Their principal work consists in the formation of a special civic committee, which undertook and has accomplished the paving of the city, as well as the building of an automobile road to San Pedro aside from many other very important activities. The Torreon boys want me to extend to you all, Rotarians of the

world, a hearty invitation to attend our next district conference to be held some time in March at their city.

My time is very limited, and therefore I am unable to give you in detail the work done by the clubs in Chihuahua, Guadalajara, Saltillo, Orizaba, and Pueblo, but I will say that all of them are exemplifying in their work the Six Objects of Rotary. They are of more recent formation, but they are composed of wholesome, true Rotarians and in the years to come will make a record for themselves.

In ending, let me say to you that in Mexico, Rotary is there to stay and grow and as true Mexicans and true Rotarians, I hope that Rotary through its ideals may be able to help our beloved country out of its inexperience and to help guide it through an era of well-deserved accomplishments. What Mexico needs is help and not criticism.

Japan

By MASAKAZU KOBAYASHI

IT is my great privilege and pleasure to bring greetings to you from your brother Rotarians in Japan.

We have four clubs in Japan at present, namely Osaka, of which Rotarian Guy and Mrs. Converse are representatives; Tokyo, Nagoya and Kobe. The last mentioned club was organized two months ago. The Nagoya Rotary Club, of which I am the secretary, was organized this February and I am proud to say that Nagoya is the first club in Japan which has sent a representative to such a convention as this in the year the club became a member of Rotary International.

The city of Nagoya has been more or less secluded and the people rather reserved, but since the city has made a tremendous growth of late, they have become eager to establish closer relations with the nations of the world and the Nagoya harbor now being completed, enabling the ocean liners to call at our city, the Nagoya people are stretching welcoming hands to brother nations of the world.

Recently Special Commissioner Yoneyama came to introduce Rotary into our city. Naturally, he was received with great enthusiasm; and after listening to Yoneyama's exposition of Rotary principles, and ideals, the representatives of business men invited by him that evening enlisted themselves as charter members, and the officers of the club were then and there elected.

As our President Ito said at the charter meeting two months ago, the idea of Rotary has existed in Nagoya for several generations under the Buddhistic doctrines. A society was formed by their fore-fathers and although they had no idea of "a week" at that time, it is a strange coincidence

that under their constitution they met—not two times a month as some Rotary clubs do—but four times a month! Their motto was "Rita Riji," which may be translated, and means, "Make others realize profit, and thereby profit thyself." Eight families, consisting of the grand and great-grandchildren of the organizers of the society are still meeting today four times a month in Nagoya!

Now under the banner of the noble precepts of Rotary, twenty-five members have enlisted themselves to work with the brother Rotarians of thirty nations of the world for the final attainment of the Rotary ideals.

I am glad that I was able to attend this convention, and get in touch with the "live wires" from the four corners of the earth. I can go back with my battery well charged to start our work with vigor and enthusiasm.

Gentlemen, I am forgetting the Rotary motto "Service above Self" in speaking about "self," and neglecting the most important "service" entrusted to me by our sister clubs at Tokyo and Kobe to be their delegate at this convention.

I do not know why, but possibly the Tokyo club thought that, since they sent last year to Toronto their finest representative in the person of Rotarian Miyaoka, accompanied by his wife, they are exempt from the obligation of being represented at this convention, and have therefore entrusted the work of delivering their messages at this convention to me, a member of a baby club in Japan.

At any rate, the Tokyo and Kobe clubs asked me to convey their sincerest regards and to express their deep regret at not being able to send a representative this year. But since I have received inspiration by shaking hands and talking with innumerable Rotarians at this convention, I am going to urge all four clubs in Japan to send as many delegates as possible to the next convention. That, I believe, is one of the shortest ways to the final goal—the advancement of understanding, good will and international peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the Rotary ideal of service.

Cuba

By FRANCISCO PRIETO

IT is indeed a very great pleasure for me to address this wonderful convention once again in the name of our very dear district governor, Julio Hernandez Miyares, as well as in the name of all the Rotarians of Cuba.

We are most happy to be here, in this marvelous city of Cleveland, with our brother Rotarians from thirty different countries of the world, enjoying

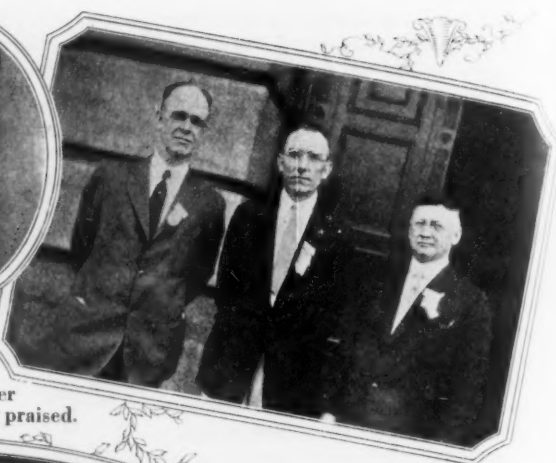
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Delegates from the Rotary Club of Belfast presented a beautiful silk Irish flag to the Rotary Club of Cleveland during the convention.



Cleveland Traffic Commissioner and his men are highly praised.



J. M. Stewart, of the Hotel Committee; George H. Miller, chairman, Executive Committee; and A. J. Kennedy, chairman, Hotel Committee.



Sergeant-at-Arms Ralph Talbot of Tulsa, Okla., with his shillealah and his assistants.

Behind the Scenes

A Glimpse here and there of men who contributed to the success of the convention.



The official car—it had plenty of usage during the convention week as President Hill added many more miles to his travel record.



The Convention Committee—Left to right: Harry S. Fish, Charlie Simons, Sidney B. McMichael, John Bain Taylor, and Allen Street.

"All Ready? Let's Go!"

Singing in Rotary—By Frederick W. Carberry

WELL, well, WELL!—Rotary is really singing.

That's good!

Rotary is beginning to appreciate its singing moments—the time given over for its members to sing together on the regular weekly luncheon program.

WELL, NOW — WHY SING? — Ah! no answer.

WELL—WHY TALK?

Easy to answer — SELF-EXPRESSION!—We wish to say something.

"DAMN"—said by someone else, when we wish to say it for ourselves, gives us no satisfaction.

Listening to someone else expound the merits of Rotary does not approach the satisfaction we get when we express it for ourselves.

Hearing someone else sing "Rotary, My Rotary" does not give us the kick that we get when we sing it with many others.

Do you get much thrill out of repeating the words of "Suwanee River" aloud?

Not much.

Sing them with a crowd—all together—in perfect accord and unison, and you are a different person after having done so.

That's why "SING."

NOW WHEN SHOULD WE SING?

Not while we are eating; not while members are still coming in; not while dishes are being removed; but, as part of the regular program, and with the same dignified attention given to it as to the speakers.

WHAT SHOULD WE SING?

Good, honest - to - Heaven, he - man songs, with good melodies and worthwhile words. Keep away from silly, inane parodies.

Have your humorous songs; your "fun" songs; but don't use insultingly silly words to fine melodies, and expect men to enjoy them the second time, even if they might the first.

Sing of Rotary—Sing of Country—Sing of Home—noble heart-songs, fine songs of love and sentiment, good popular songs of the day, the everlasting songs of yesterdays, and your songs of clean humor.

HOW SHOULD THEY BE SUNG?

With strict attention to the leader; with attention to the meaning of the lyrics—thinking them as well as singing them; and not with the idea of yell-

FRED W. CARBERRY

—wizard of community singing—was one of the song leaders at the Cleveland convention. He is considered by many to be the premier song leader of America. We asked him to write an article on the "right" and the "wrong" of Rotary Club singing and on this page is his reply, which we are printing—capitals and all.



ing, as the high mark of attainment in song singing.

Many have the idea that the best singing club is the club that produces the most noise.

To produce beautiful effects; to color the voice with the subtle meaning of the phrase; to stir the imagination to the point where we express with the singing voice all that the words and music convey, should be the object of every Rotary Club when singing.

HOW ABOUT YOUR SONG LEADER?

Choose the best to suit your needs from the available timber.

WHAT DO I MEAN BY THAT?

Choose the man who has the personality and musicianship to put it over to the highest degree.

He need not be a real musician, but he needs be a man who has a strong sense of rhythm and a man who has cultivated an obvious first beat.

Before he leads you in a song he must know the song himself. By that I mean he must know just how he is

going to conduct it, and what he is about to do with it, and what effect he is going to ask for.

No one ever trusts a leader until that leader is so sure of himself in his beat and intention that every last one of those in front of him can follow him and feel secure that he is not going to find himself out of step with his neighbor and going it alone. That causes a shut-off on endeavor.

A leader cannot inspire this confidence unless he knows first what he is going to ask for and then sees that he gets it.

I could fill pages on this topic, but I will only say in conclusion: While your song leader has the floor, subdue your club comedians; give singing your earnest attention; don't allow your president and chairmen of various committees to hold a conference; make your members at your speakers' table sing and give as strict attention as the balance of your members; let every one sing the best he can and so give due acknowledgment to the potent power of SINGING IN ROTARY.

Convention Resolutions Adopted

Convention Outside North America—Amendments to Constitution and By-Laws—Additional Directors—District Governor Changes

Vacancy in Office of District Governor—Amendment to By-Laws

WHEREAS, Article XII of the present By-Laws of Rotary International does not at present contain a provision for filling a vacancy in the office of District Governor (probably due to oversight at the time the By-Laws were drafted),

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International, assembled in its Sixteenth Annual Convention, that Article XII is amended by adding the following Section 12:

"Section 12. District Governors—Vacancy. In the event of a vacancy in the office of District Governor through any cause whatsoever, the Board of Directors of Rotary International shall have power, by a majority vote of all its members, to elect a Rotarian, qualified under these By-Laws, to fill the vacancy of the unexpired term, to perform the duties and to exercise all the powers and privileges of the office.

"In the event of a temporary vacancy in such office through suspension, absence or incapacity of the District Governor, the Board of Directors of Rotary International may, by a majority vote, appoint a duly qualified Rotarian to perform the duties and exercise the powers and privileges of the office of District Governor during such vacancy."

Replacing District Governor or Committeeman—Amendment to By-Laws

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 3 of the present By-Laws of Rotary International is not sufficiently definite with regard to the authority of the Board of Directors to act in an emergency in case a District Governor or Committeeman is not performing the duties of his office,

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International, assembled in its Sixteenth Annual Convention, that Section 3 of Article IV of the By-Laws of Rotary International as now existing is hereby repealed and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

"Section 3: Control and Supervision. The Board of Directors shall exercise general control and supervision over all officers and committees of Rotary International and may, for good cause, after hearing, remove an officer or committeeman by a two-thirds vote of the entire Board of Directors, provided such officer or committeeman shall have been served personally, or by registered mail, with a notice containing a copy of the charges against him, at least sixty (60) days before the hearing thereon, said notice specifying the time and place of such hearing. At the hearing such person may be represented by counsel."

Closing Convention Accounts—Amendment to By-Laws

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International, assembled in its Sixteenth Annual Convention, that Section 1 of Article XIII of the By-Laws of Rotary International is hereby amended by the insertion immediately following the list of committees of an additional sentence to read as follows:

"The Convention Committee shall continue to serve until the accounts of its convention shall be closed and its final report shall have been accepted by the Board of Directors of Rotary International."

Clarifying Clause—Amendment to Constitution

WHEREAS, experience has demonstrated that the membership clauses in the Constitution of Rotary

International require re-wording in order to make clearer the meaning intended,

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International assembled in its Sixteenth Annual Convention that Article IV, Sections 3-(b) and 3-(c) of the Constitution of Rotary International are hereby amended by striking out the present sections 3-(b) and 3-(c) which read as follows:

Section 3: Composition of Clubs. (b) The active membership of each Rotary Club shall consist of but one man in each classification of business or profession, except as may be otherwise provided in the by-laws, and each member's classification shall be that of his principal and recognized occupation.

(c) Each active member of a Rotary Club, shall be personally and actively engaged, within the territorial limits of his club, in the business or profession under which he is classified.

and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 3: Composition of Clubs. (b) The active members of each Rotary club shall consist of one man (with certain exceptions provided herein) in each classification of business or profession in which he must be personally and actively engaged within the territorial limits of the club.

(c) The classification of each active member shall be that which covers the principal and recognized activity of the firm, company or institution with which he is connected, or if he be independently engaged in a business or profession, his classification shall be that which covers his principal and recognized business or professional activity.

Clarifying Cause—Amendment to Constitution

WHEREAS, experience has demonstrated that certain membership clauses in the Standard Club Constitution require re-wording in order to make clearer the meaning intended,

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International assembled in its Sixteenth Annual Convention that Article III, Sections 3-(a) and 3-(b) of the Standard Club Constitution are hereby amended by striking out the present Sections 3-(a) and 3-(b) which read as follows:

Section 3: Classifications. (a) The active members of this club shall be classified in accordance with their respective business or professional occupations.

(b) The classification of each active member shall be that of his principal and recognized occupation in which he must be personally and actively engaged, within the territorial limits of this club.

and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 3: Classifications. (a) The active members of this club shall be classified in accordance with their respective businesses or professions, and they must be personally and actively engaged therein within the territorial limits of the club.

(b) The classification of each active member shall be that which covers the principal and recognized activity of the firm, company or institution with which he is connected, or if he be independently engaged in a business or profession, his classification shall be that which covers his principal and recognized business or professional activity.

Changes in "R. I. B. I." Constitution

WHEREAS, "Rotary International—Association for Great Britain and Ireland" has found it advisable to revise and amend the Constitution and By-Laws for that administrative unit and has caused the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws of the unit to prepare a new draft of the Constitu-

tion and By-Laws for the unit which draft incorporates the desired changes, and

WHEREAS, the draft prepared by the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws of the unit has been approved by delegates from the Rotary clubs which form the unit, assembled in annual conference, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Rotary International has examined and concurs in the proposed revision of the Constitution and By-Laws of "Rotary International—Association for Great Britain and Ireland," provided certain amendments thereto are made, and recommends to Rotary International assembled in its Sixteenth Annual Convention that the proposed revision of the Constitution and By-Laws of "Rotary International—Association for Great Britain and Ireland" with the indicated amendments be approved and declared effective;

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International assembled in its Sixteenth Annual Convention that the changes in the Constitution and By-Laws of "Rotary International—Association for Great Britain and Ireland" proposed by said administrative unit, and amended by the Board of Directors of Rotary International and or by this Convention, are hereby approved and declared effective in the following manner:

By the amendment of the Constitution of "Rotary International—Association for Great Britain and Ireland" by striking out everything after the words "Rotary International—Association for Great Britain and Ireland Articles of Constitution" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

NOTE: The complete revised Constitution and By-Laws of "Rotary International—Association for Great Britain and Ireland" as approved by the Convention is being published in the official Convention Proceedings book.

Changes in Constitution of National or Territorial Units—Amendment to Constitution

WHEREAS, it has become apparent that the provisions in Article X, Section 1, of the By-Laws of Rotary International which provide for the amending of the Constitution and By-Laws of a national or territorial unit are somewhat complicated, and

WHEREAS, it has become apparent that it is unnecessary to require the approval of Rotary International assembled in Convention for changes in the By-Laws of a national or territorial unit which deal merely with matters of the local administration of Rotary within the unit, and

WHEREAS, intimations have been made to Rotary International to the effect that the words "application" and "applications" are more desirable than the words "petition" and "petitions" in Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of Article X of the By-Laws of Rotary International, and

WHEREAS, in Section 6 of Article X of the By-Laws of Rotary International

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An International Group—A "close-up" of a group picture taken in front of the Convention Auditorium—Many of our readers will readily recognize in this picture Everett Hill, Guy Gundaker, and Donald Adams of the United States; Marcel Franck, of France; Anton Verkade, of Holland; John Bain Taylor, of England; Crawford McCullough, of Canada; and other prominent Rotarians.

International Fellowship

*—is "keynote" of convention dinner
for overseas delegates and visitors*

THE International Fellowship Dinner, held July 17th, was one of the most thoroughly cosmopolitan features of the Cleveland convention. Genial Everett Hill was the toastmaster, and extended warm welcome to the Rotarians and Rotary Anns from twenty-six countries. Responses were made by the President of "R. I. B. I." and by one representative of each country. While most of these talks were given in English there was enough fluent French or liquid Spanish employed to stress the internationalism of the gathering. The keynote of all these extempore speeches was the pleasure of fellowship, and the advancement of Rotary's Sixth Object.

As the dinner continued and those present began to discover how many ties they really had in other lands, other features of the impromptu program contributed to the general enjoyment. Rotarian Ralph Bingham, of Philadelphia, well-known humorist, delivered a shower of quips that brought appreciative laughter. Music was furnished by one or two quartets; by Norman Black, a former governor of the Ninth District; and by the quintet from the National Opera Company of Mexico whose vocal skill and colorful costumes brought forth rounds of applause.

A pretty exchange of international courtesies occurred when Rotarian Pat Montford of Dublin voiced his pleasure at meeting the Mexican delegates and

perceiving how widely they differed from the villains pictured in the movies—a comment which drew standing applause from the recipients. Then later when the Mexican opera singers responded to insistent demands for an encore, Rotarian Mejia complied with "Through Smiling Irish Eyes"—addressed to the representatives from the Emerald Isle.

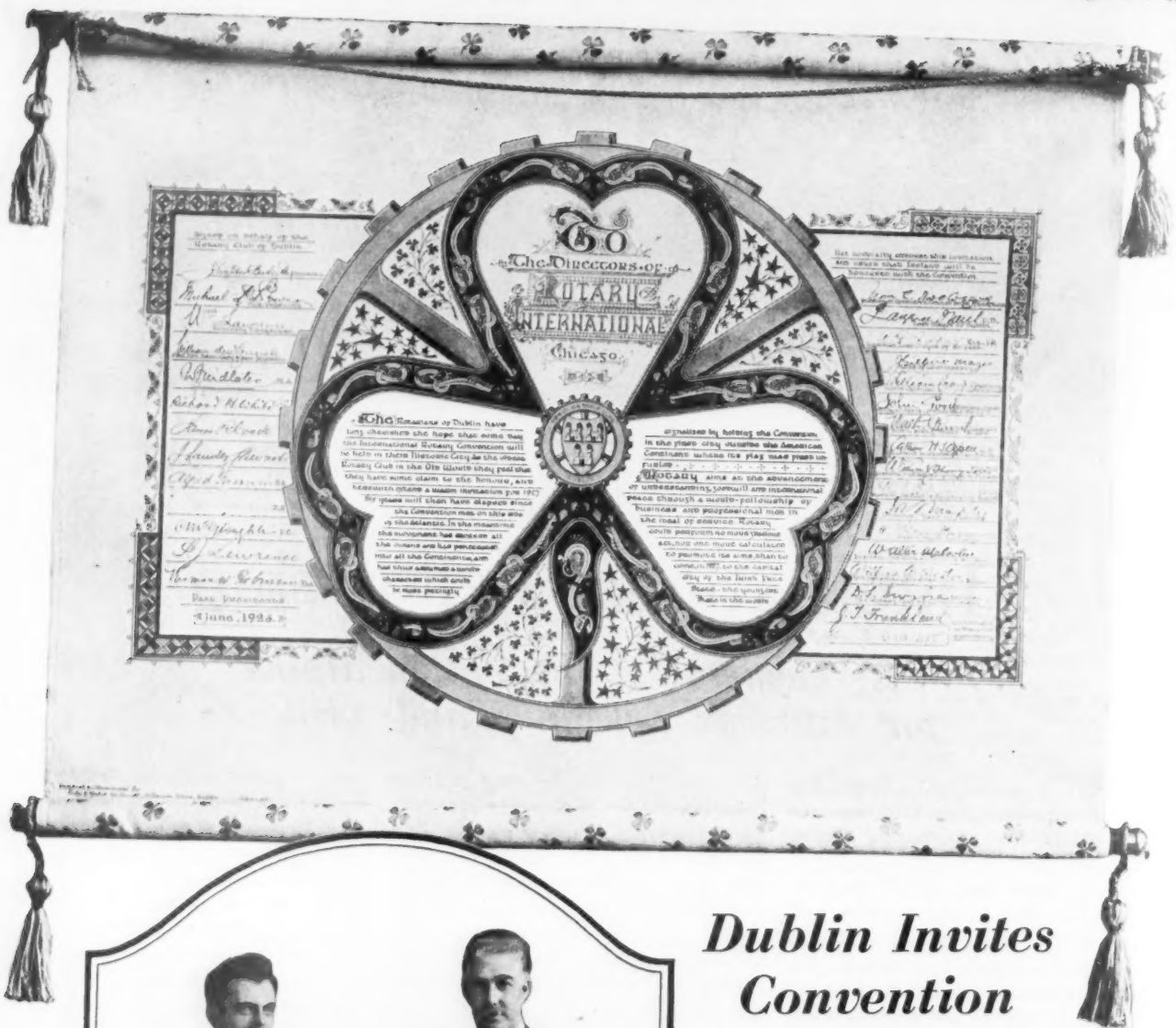
These tributes were another example of the cordiality manifested on the night before when the Spanish-speaking Rotarians had gone from their own Third District dinner to the British Empire dinner and had there sung "God Save the King." Although the representatives of the Empire could not return the favor in kind, they could cheer—and they did with a fervor that needed no interpreting.

Towards the close of the dinner President Hill invited the groups to sing their national anthems. Rotarians from Cuba, Mexico and the British Empire were present in sufficient numbers to give a capable performance; Marcel Franck led the entire party in the singing of the "Marsellaise"; and Rotarian Kobayashi of Nagoya aided by Rotarian Guy and Mrs. Converse gave the Japanese national air, something new to many of those present. The dinner closed with the singing of "America."

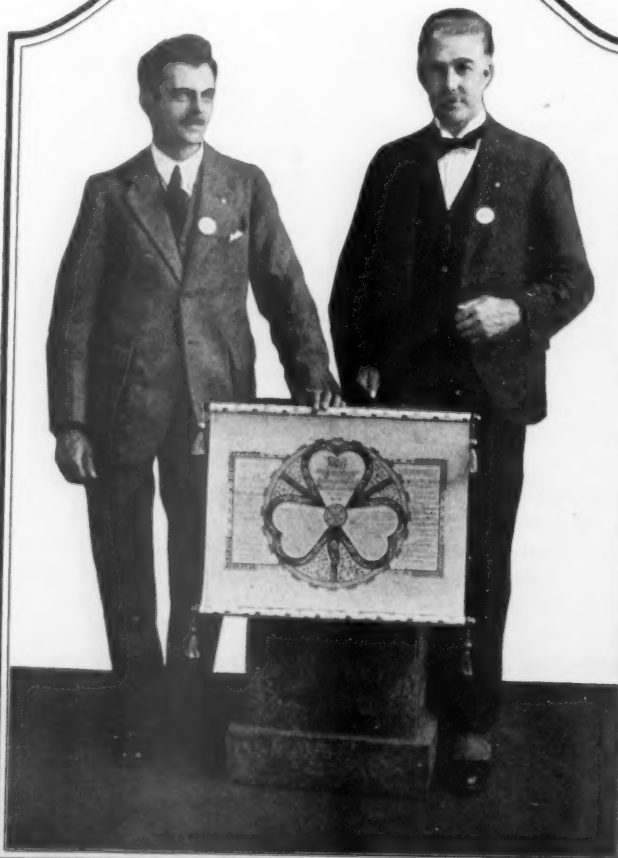
Although various dinners for overseas delegates have been held at this and previous conventions, the Interna-

tional Dinner was an innovation. Special efforts were made to secure an attendance which would represent all countries without any one being predominant. At a convention held in North America it was obviously impossible to invite all the delegates from the United States and Canada. Also the size of the delegations from various sections of the British Empire made it seem advisable to place some restrictions on invitations to them. Therefore the balance was preserved by placing representation from Great Britain and Ireland on the basis of general officers of that unit plus the chairmen of "R. I. B. I." districts or their proxies. Similarly representation from the United States, Canada, and Newfoundland was limited to International Officers or their proxies. All of the Rotarians and their ladies from lands other than these were invited; together with the general officers of Rotary International, the Extension Committee, the Canadian Advisory Committee, and all past presidents. Altogether one hundred and sixty covers were laid in the Statler ballroom.

Altogether the dinner was a successful experiment, and one which every participant will hope to see repeated. Sometimes an hour spent with the representative of another land is more illuminating than much study of text books, and the international fellowship dinner was a fine example of the opportunities the convention affords.



Dublin Invites Convention



THIS beautifully illuminated invitation asks that the 1927 Convention of Rotary International be held in Dublin, Ireland. It is signed by the respective Lord Mayors of Dublin, Londonderry, and Belfast and by other leading citizens of the three cities, and was presented to the 1925-26 Board of Directors at the Convention by Michael P. Rowan (left) vice-president of Dublin Rotary, and Pat Montford, also a member of the Dublin club.

If it were possible for us to reproduce it in the original colors you would agree that it is a remarkably beautiful example of an art much practiced in mediaeval times. It is the work of the Misses Ruby and Mabel McConnell, sisters of William McConnell, former Rotary official of Great Britain and Ireland. The invitation reads:

"The Rotarians of Dublin have long cherished the hope that some day the International Rotary Convention will be held in their historic city. As the oldest Rotary Club in the Old World they feel that they have some claim to the honour, and herewith extend a warm invitation for 1927. Six years will then have elapsed since the Convention met on this side of the Atlantic. In the meantime the movement has crossed all the oceans and has penetrated into all the Continents, and has thus assumed a world-character which could be most fittingly signalized by holding the Convention in the first city outside the American Continent where its flag was first unfurled.

"Rotary aims at the advancement of understanding, goodwill, and international peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men in the ideal of service. Rotary could perform no more gracious act, nor one more calculated to promote its aims, than to come, in 1927, to the capital city of the Irish Free State—the youngest State in the world."

Unusual Stories of Unusual Men

Edward Johnson— Grand Opera Tenor

By JOHN NELSON

A FAMOUS tenor of the Metropolitan Opera Company had just sung his farewell for the season, as Rodolfo in *La Boheme*, and the cheers in which he finished his role still echoed down to his dressing-room. He was to leave the same night on a concert tour of the Orient. I knocked at his door and was greeted with a welcoming smile. I told him THE ROTARIAN had sent me to interview him.

Edward Johnson had thrown aside his romantic costume and had donned his street clothes. He would readily have passed for a Wall Street banker, or any other sort of business man. The singer, off the stage, was a man free from all affectation and pose, and with nothing in dress or appearance to denote his artistic profession.

"An artist," he said, "is just a business man. I too am selling goods, only I come in closer contact with my customers than do many of my fellow-Rotarians. I am there when the goods are delivered and my customers decide right then and there whether or not they like my 'line'! And, especially in Europe, they do not leave you long in doubt on the subject!" The singer settled into an easy chair.

"There has long been an abyss between the business man and the professional man," he went on to say. "My conception is this—that any man who accomplishes anything worth while, which requires imagination, is an artist, and his production is a work of art. So we are all alike. Don't you think so?"

As I smiled assent to his question my mind went back to a densely packed theater in Los Angeles, to a great convention of business and professional men, all so different in callings and yet so alike in thought and ideals. I heard again the president of a middle-west, corn-belt Rotary club saying: "We do not train Rotarians; we catch them."

While the principle is not absolute there is much truth in it. Those who are serviceable in Rotary are generally those who have imbibed that spirit in other relationships, but find in Rotary the ideal medium for its expression.

Rotary has other uses. In every club in the world its members are finding, in their weekly intercourse with one another, revelations of things which previously have been but dimly under-

stood. A new appreciation of the occupation of others, of the part other classifications play in the general plan of life, of their essential dignity as contributors to the general scheme of things—all these are inevitable by-products of the activities of any live Rotary club.

The professional man finds that, after all, he is in business; and the business man, if he properly appreciates his calling realizes that his is a profession. This inter-relation and inter-dependence of each other becomes increasingly evident week by week as each member outlines the history, the purpose, the practices, often the romance, of his calling.

Something like this formed the theme of the chat which I had in that dressing-room with Rotarian Edward Johnson, world-renowned operatic star. One of his observations ran thus: "I think the successful artist of today has a good deal of business sense. The dreamer type is gone. He is out of style, for one thing—a misfit in this keen active age. One will often hear the comment 'He doesn't look like an actor (a singer, or a painter, as the case may be), does he?' Whatever the old-fashioned standard may have been, I am quite sure the modern artist is glad he is not different in appearance from his fellow. Art, like the more practical things of life, is for all of us."

HE referred to the appreciation of art in Europe. In Italy, for instance, the classic opera is the daily nutriment of the Italian soul. To the Italian, art is no luxury. Even the illiterate have the liveliest appreciation of beauty—in music, statue, or paint-



Edward Johnson, famous tenor of the Metropolitan Opera Company, in the role of Rodolfo in *La Boheme*. Rotarian Johnson typifies that rare combination of the artist who is able to combine artistic talents with a good deal of business ability. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Guelph, Canada (his birthplace) and has been honored with decorations by several European countries.

ing. "The Italians are quick," he said, "in registering their pleasure over any number" and he added, laughingly, "—if they like it. But if they begin to whistle, you had better dodge."

Again he turned the conversation to the business of being an artist—of management, of advertising, of proper presentation of the artist to the public. "That is where the business side of our calling comes in," he said. "The more demand there is for our article, the better prices we get, just as in every other kind of business. And in America you know the public has to be educated to know what it wants. Creating consumer demand, isn't it?"

"Art has an important business aspect—one that Caruso emphasized once when his fee of \$1000 a night was made the subject of comment. The great Italian's reply was to this effect: 'You are not paying me alone. You are paying also thousands of other fellows who tried, but never arrived.'

"That is a phase of professional singing which the public often overlooks. It is not only that the artist has behind him long years of gruelling training

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And What Will Rome Say?

NEWSPAPER dispatches say that a recent decision of the Catholic Church in Quebec that a Catholic should not belong to a Rotary club is to be submitted to the Vatican at Rome for final decision. If this is true, we shall learn, perhaps, what the greatest religious organization in the world thinks of Rotary. An organization with no other creed than a belief in the practicality of making the Golden Rule a form of action in every man's every-day life cannot be inimical to any religious organization.

Rotary says to its members, We do not ask to what church or party you belong or whether you belong to any church or party, but we do urge that if you belong to a church or party, you should be a good, loyal, active, helpful member of your church and your party. Rotary says whatever a Rotarian may be, let him be it in deed and fact and not in name alone. The decision of the Vatican, if one is to be rendered, will be received with much interest. Knowing the principles and the practices of Rotary, we are confident the decision will be an intimation of confidence in the trustworthiness and the usefulness of the fellowship of men in Rotary clubs.

The Psychology of Comparisons

ISN'T it strange that people who want their nations to be friends and even "as brothers be" can't refrain from pointing out the differences that exist between the peoples of their nations? Oftentimes we seem to take a certain pride in saying, "We are different from you" or, "Of course we do things differently from you", or "What would please you, wouldn't please us".

Now wouldn't it be better if we could forget these differences, or minimize them at least, and manifest greater interest and joy in our points of resemblance? And there must be things with similarity of thought and action on our part. Let us dwell upon those things—it will bring us together more quickly and more permanently than always dwelling upon the things that separate us.

Comparisons are odious. Especially are they

odious when nations are involved. To say that *such and such* a country is more like *this* country than it is like *that* country implies six different kinds of comparisons. Somewhere in the complex, National pride is likely to feel hurt. Now, to say that *such and such* and *this* country are much alike is unlikely to hurt either one's pride. In fact both may be equally proud of the comparison. And the "third nation" has been omitted from the equation entirely.

Obligation—Not Compulsion

FROM time to time we hear of the compulsory attendance rule in Rotary. There isn't any such thing. No Rotarian is compelled to attend meetings of his club. He has obligated himself to do so. Therefore, he is obliged to do so. And, if he doesn't do so, he is liable to lose his membership. No one is forced to a Rotary club meeting at the point of the bayonet or dragged there with a rope. No one is compelled to attend. Everyone is *impelled* to attend by the obligation which he has voluntarily taken as well as by his interest in Rotary. There is no law requiring attendance. Members voluntarily and mutually agree to meet together every week. There is a law that eliminates from membership the man who does not fulfill his obligation, does not keep his promise to his fellow-members. Rotarians should cease using the phrase "compulsory attendance" and substitute for it regular attendance, faithful attendance, or some such phrase which will convey the correct idea.

The Syncopation of Synonyms

SOME of us are devotees to the cross-word puzzle. We work by the hour in composing a jazzy arrangement of synonyms for strange words and phrases, and some not so strange. You understand, of course, that we would not spend our time on this syncopation of synonyms if we were not thereby enriching our vocabulary. Certainly not. Perhaps it is true that no man is so lost that he has not some excuse at least for his pet vice.



A Sixth Object Experiment

To the President, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL:

A CONVICTION has been growing stronger upon me constantly that Rotary could be organized much more definitely for promoting our Sixth object, good will, understanding, and international peace.

A dozen or a hundred organizations are stressing the idea of better international relations today, but none of them is in the strategic position of Rotary. We hold the very source of war and of peace in our membership of *business and professional men*. The wars of the past were fought at the instigation of diplomats or political dictators. The wars of the future will be fought for economic reasons, and they can be fought only with the consent and co-operation of business men, for war is now so largely a matter of money, or the supplies which only money can provide. These peace movements are so often led by idealists and reach chiefly theorists and suggest impractical methods. They are accomplishing a great deal today in rousing sentiment against war, but Rotary is in a position to do even more positive things.

For example, here in my little city of Whittier, California, 250 business men are meeting weekly in Rotary and similar clubs. Suppose that to them can be pointed out occasionally the jingoism and yellow journalism that are so often the cause of international ill feeling, methods of supporting our governments in movements for better relations with other nations, the good qualities of other peoples. The most influential forces of Whittier will then be pointed toward better understanding and good will. Suppose that movement multiplied by every city in the United States—a hasty and inexcusable war will be hard to promote.

Now Rotary has taken a high position in our sixth object, but it seems to me that we are not working at it as positively as we might. I have not heard a single strong discussion of international relations or an attempt to promote fuller understanding of other races or nations at a Rotary meeting. I do not mean that this has never been

done, but that it is so rare that I have not heard it. And we are in the most influential position for advancing this greatest of all movements among men.

I am trying a plan as an experiment in our club. As the newly elected president I have recommended a committee upon international relations, the duty of which will be to inform us upon subjects which may involve world entanglement, to cultivate a fuller knowledge of other peoples, and to rouse us to the support of every plan which will promote better relations. Our club has endorsed the plan and we are working at it. A Past Governor and the incoming one to whom I have submitted the idea have endorsed it heartily.

It may be presumptuous of me to submit this, but it has grown upon me until I have dared to hope that such a plan might be adapted and encouraged by Rotary International. Of course the committee on education might emphasize this object, but if the International organization had a committee and would recommend one for every club it would lay an emphasis upon this cause of peace which would do more than any other single force for banishing war. If Rotary will adopt some more positive means of stressing this object to which we have long been committed it will soon be adopted by similar clubs and we will then reach with a definite plan the forces which determine the future relations of our country and so of the world.

Do not think that I am a faddist, a pacifist-at-any-price. I served my country to the best of my ability in the world war. When wrong is armed and driving to its goal only force can stop it. But between and before passions have stirred men to action much can be done to forestall trouble. That is my creed. My own club, and many others as well, at the recent Second District Conference before which I spoke, have not thought me an extremist. I am saying this only because I believe so fully in the great power of Rotary and am hoping that some way may be found to harness it even more effectively for this object which seems to me most important of all.

HERBERT E. HARRIS,

President, Rotary Club of Whittier, Calif.

Women and Rotary

Editor, THE ROTARIAN:

I HAVE read with much interest the letters and articles about "Women and Rotary" in recent issues of THE ROTARIAN. They were especially interesting to me because I have just completed a term as president of the Rotana Club of Butte, an organization of business and professional women which is modeled on the lines of Rotary, with similar objects and ideals, and which, from its inception, has received great inspiration from Rotary and much encouragement from the Rotary Club of our city. At the time of our organization it was our wish to be affiliated in some way with the Rotary organization, but when we found this to be impossible we went ahead and organized a classification club solely for women, calling it the Rotana Club. We were fortunate in having the friendly counsel and encouragement of Rotarian Tom J. Davis, your Vice President of International Rotary, and to him, as well as to other prominent Rotarians, the young women who conceived the idea of a "woman's Rotary Club" for Butte owe much. While we were disappointed at the time at not being admitted to all the good things of Rotary, including the prestige of its name, we now feel—or I at least feel—that the attitude Rotary takes regarding women in Rotary is the correct one. Although most of us are business and professional women—we include vocations in our classifications and in that way make a place for "mothers," "housewives," etc., in our club—we still have the woman's point of view, and we find that certain activities which make a special appeal to us are overlooked by the men's clubs; and no doubt there are many things which seem important to them of which we do not grasp the full significance or importance.

But we do believe we have grasped their ideal of "Service," and we feel that we have made a good "first step" toward realizing that ideal in our club life. We have not tried to do spectacular things, but have preferred the smaller tasks which we felt we could do well, leaving the larger ones to a later date. We do not claim that our

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Rotary's Sixteenth Annual Convention in

This is an excellent view of the interior of the great public auditorium where a variety of business and professional follo

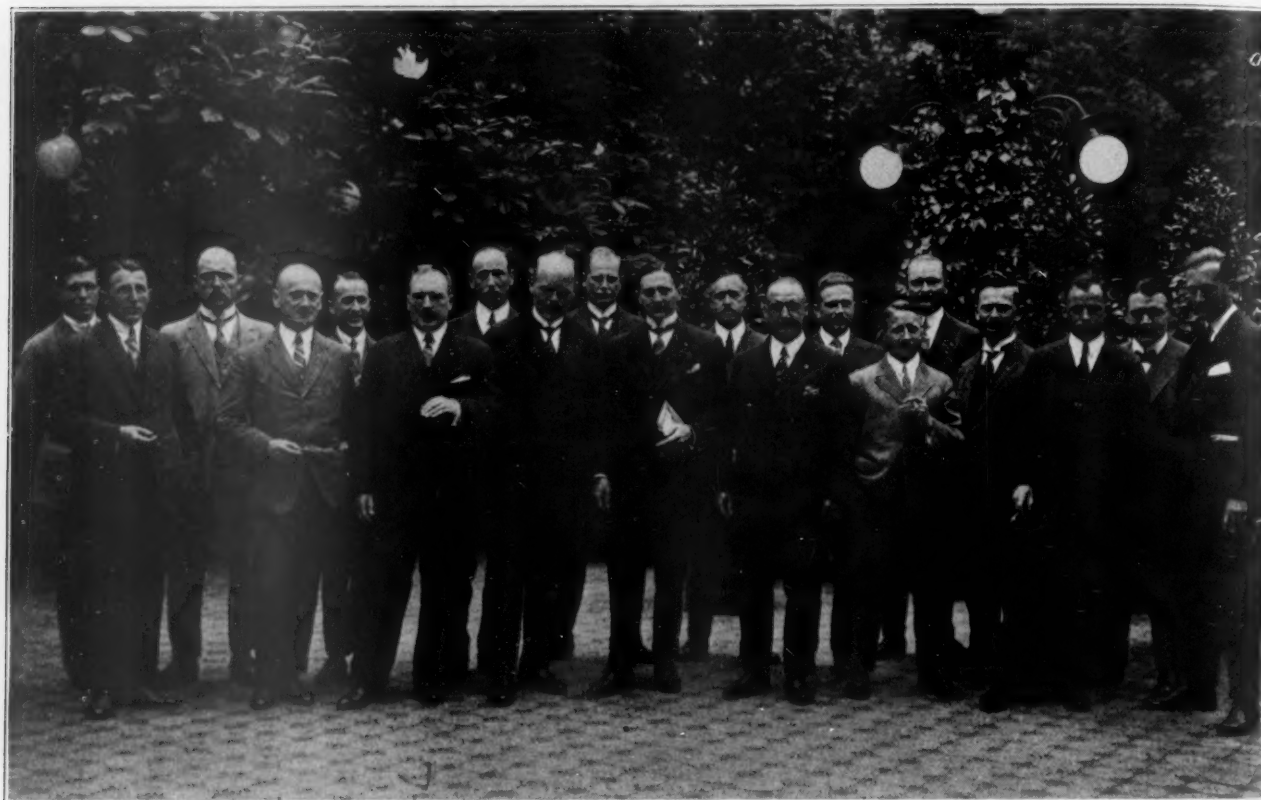


m in Session at the Cleveland Auditorium

orium where ten thousand people representing twenty-four nations and every
session followed their four-day program.



HERE you can walk over to Main Street, drop in at the sign of the Rotary flag, get your guest's badge, and make yourself at Home! The fellows are always glad to see you and to learn what your club is doing, and while you bend elbows over the luncheon table they will tell you about the best club in the best town in the best country in the World.



This picture was taken at the inaugural meeting in June of the Rotary Club of Lucerne, Switzerland. In the front row, third from left, is Dr. Wettstein, president Zurich Rotary; next in order are, H. Reinhard, president and Dr. Heller, secretary of the Rotary Club of Lucerne, and Fred Warren Teele, Special Commissioner. At the extreme right is Victor Wiedman-Hauser, sergeant-at-arms of the new club. In the second row are: A. S. Hanmer, British vice-consul and vice-president of Lucerne Rotary (third from left); J. Zust, assistant secretary (fifth from left); and next to him is Franz Koch, the treasurer.

Rotary Flag Accompanies Explorer

BOSTON, MASS.—Captain "Don" MacMillan, who is an honorary member of Portland (Maine) Rotary, has promised to leave a Rotary flag at the most northerly point reached on his present Arctic trip. This flag which he carries in a metal cylinder for deposit, and another one which can be hoisted, were presented to him by Boston Rotary. The Cleveland convention sent Captain MacMillan a telegram wishing him a successful journey.

Fifty Children Enter Seed Growing Competition

VICTORIA, B. C.—Some years ago the local Rotary club instituted on a small scale an annual school children's con-

test in seed growing and the preparation of diaries and essays in connection therewith. Steady efforts by the committee in charge have raised the number of entries until this year there are fifty children engaging in the contest which is not a specially easy one.

Young Club Promotes Ambitious Affair

WOODSTOCK, ONT.—A great Victoria Day celebration and sports program was organized under the auspices of Woodstock Rotary for the benefit of the crippled children of Oxford County. Special window displays, a parade of more than a hundred floats, and a "button campaign" were some of the features. Military maneuvers, music by the bands of the 91st Highlanders and

the Oxford Rifles, dancing, and athletic events all brought crowds to the gates and cash to the cause. The Woodstock club is not yet a year old and its first big venture was well supported by the 10,000 citizens.

Club Aids in Child Health Program

LAWRENCE, MASS.—Infantile paralysis, which has claimed more than 4,000 victims in this State since 1916, is receiving careful study from a special Harvard commission, organized after the epidemic of 1916. Some two years later the Rotarians of Lawrence and other interested citizens asked to be allowed to contribute to the expense of the annual local clinic and the cost of providing special appliances for some

of the 2,700 patients. The commission's surgeon holds local treatment clinics in some fifteen Massachusetts cities once or twice a year, and clinics are held three times a week at the Children's Hospital in Boston. Research work is also being carried on, and the commission hope to work out plans for preventing future epidemics as well as for the best after-care of patients—an unusually complicated problem in this disease.

Eleven Men

On the Cheater's Chest

GALESBURG, ILL.—A somewhat different program was furnished at a recent meeting of Galesburg Rotary when eleven members were each asked to give a two-minute talk on one section of the Code of Ethics. Not only did this scheme bring before the club members who do not often speak in meetings, but the different ideas presented proved very valuable to the club as a whole. The full Code was also printed in the program for the day, and the club hope to follow up this plan until every member can talk on at least one section of the Code.

Current Issues

Basis of Quiz

LAFAYETTE, IND.—One feature of the observance of Boys' Week by the local Rotary club was a quiz on live topics and useful subjects in which the Rotarians competed with their Boy Scout guests. After the Rotarian had done his best or worst with the subject under discussion a Scout would be called on. Several very creditable performances were given on both sides and a very interesting program was the result.

Wonder How They Keep Him in Stockings?

RACINE, WIS.—Charles Resan, a 13-year-old student in junior high school, was formally declared the best marble shooter in Racine after a contest in which he defeated all comers from 15 schools. Charles won the big cup awarded by the local Rotary club under whose auspices the contest was staged, and he with other leading contestants went to Milwaukee to enter the state contest at Red Arrow park. Winners in this state contest represented Wisconsin at the national marble-shoot-

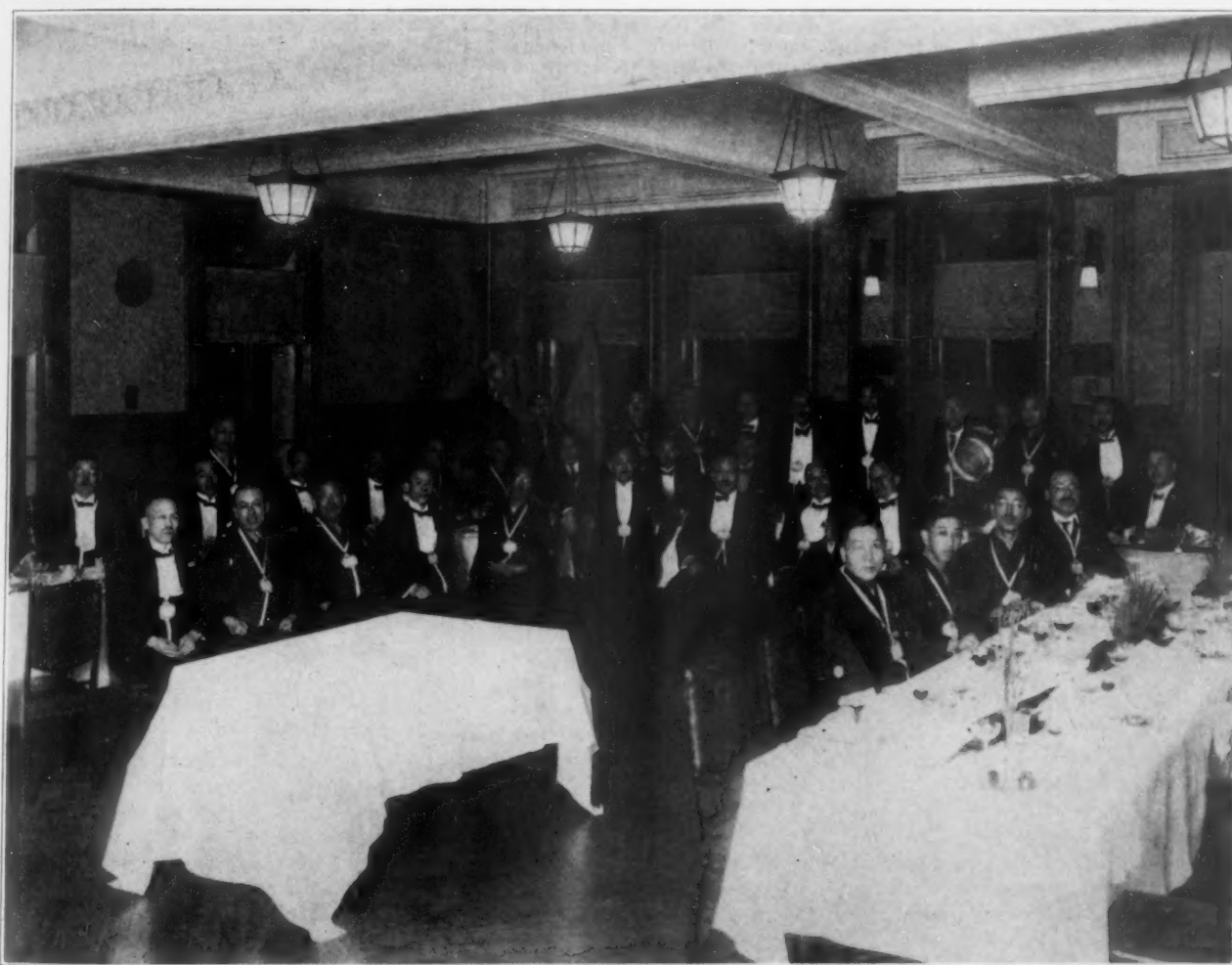
ing contest held in Atlantic City. Charles played five straight games without a chance to rest his knuckles.

Club Registers Appreciation By Promoting Concert

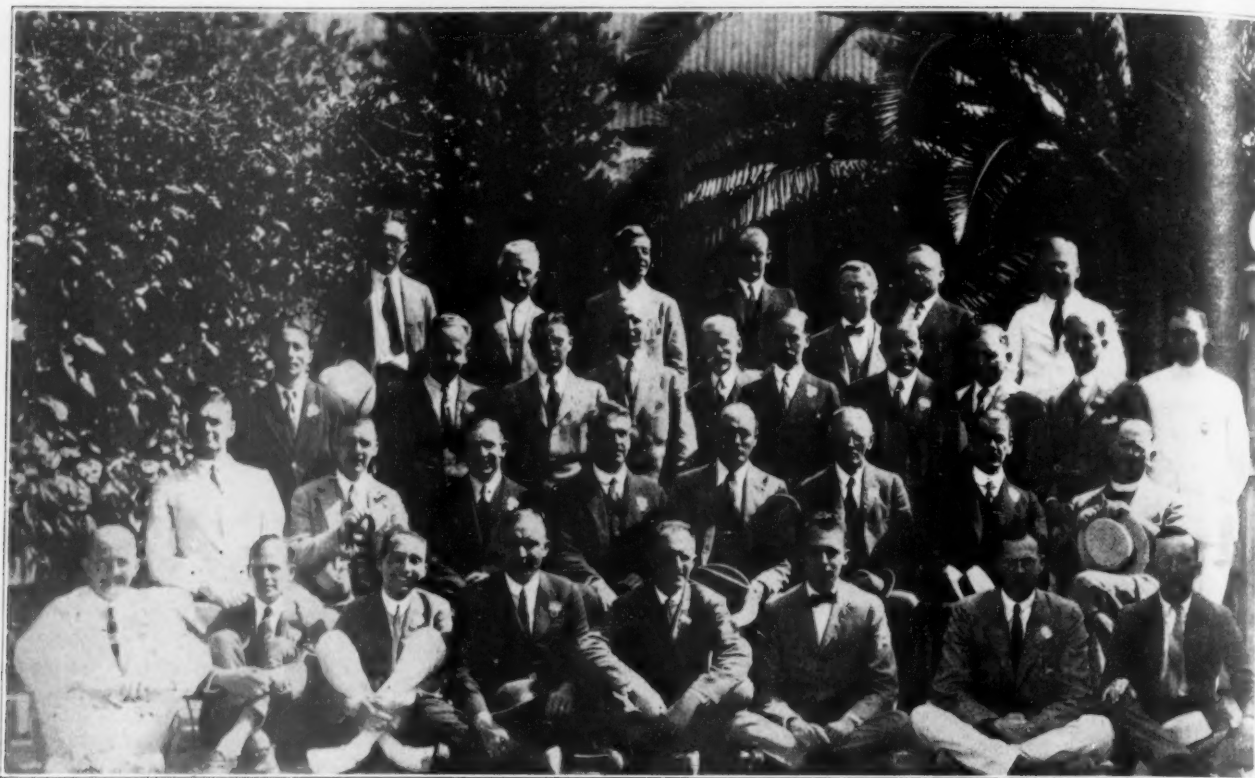
WATERTOWN, S. D.—When the Gerhard sisters left for the Chicago Musical College they had a check for \$1,641. For the past year Ramona Gerhard has played the piano at practically every meeting of Watertown Rotary, and often her sister Geraldine accompanied her on the violin. The girls always refused to take anything for their services, so some Rotarians who learned of their plans for further musical training promoted an "appreciation concert" at which the young ladies took a leading part. All accessories were donated by Watertown people—and the check represented the entire receipts.

A Menu for the League of Nations!

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.—When the chef at the St. Anthony hotel was given *carte blanche* to arrange the menu for a Rotary luncheon he decided to make it a truly international meal. Accord-



Delegates to the Cleveland convention will remember Secretary Kobayashi of Nagoya. These members of the newest club in Japan are awaiting with much interest to hear his account of his trip to Cleveland. The inaugural meeting of Nagoya Rotary was attended by delegations from Tokyo and Osaka; by Special Commissioner Yoneyama; and by the Governor of the Province.



The Rotarians of Hamilton, Bermuda, smile for the cameraman. At the left, front row, is J. J. Outerbridge, honorary secretary; and third from the left is E. G. Gibbons, director. In the second row are S. S. Spurling, vice-president (fourth from left); H. Watlington, director (sixth from left); and seated to the left of the latter is C. S. Bell, treasurer. The Hamilton club is the only one on the Island, and entertains many visitors from the United States and Canada.

ingly the Rotarians enjoyed the following items all served on special Rotary emblem plates: Russian borshtch soup, Lone Star relishes, chilies rellenos, noiettes of Texas tenderloin, chop suey Wam Tong, spaghetti Caruso Parmesan, Hawaiian salad with Poincare dressing, Rotary wheel ice cream, petit fours and Java coffee.

On the Trail With the Scouts

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—While full details of the results of the recent Scout Appeal are not yet at hand, early reports show that more than \$30,000 has been raised in the campaigns held in various Australian cities. All sorts of competitions and special functions were promoted to help the cause and Australian Rotarians took a prominent part in the drive.

Another Case of "We Are Seven"

DETROIT, MICH.—New attendance records were established for Detroit Rotary during the past year. The secretary's report showed that 65 members did not miss a meeting during the year, and seven have made perfect attendance for five or more years. The seven high men and their record of consecutive meetings are:

Gunnar Wikander	594
Tom Henry	543
Elton Hascall	428

Jack Stephens	383
Roy Helferich	323
Lee Carney	317
Herb Murray	269

Fourteen members have perfect attendance for three years, twenty-two members for two years, and twenty-two for one year.

Many Organizations Enlisted For Boys' Week

CHATTANOOGA, TENN.—Under the auspices of the local Rotary club, Boys' Week was developed into a real community affair. Each day during the week a different civic or service organization was in charge of the program, and there were several demonstrations calculated to impress the citizenry with the importance of training youth—and not the least successful of these public appearances was a boy-and-dog parade, big enough to halt traffic. As a result boys work in Chattanooga has received a fresh impetus which will have important results in community affairs.

The Ladder That Came in Handy

HAVANA, CUBA.—While thirteen Rotarians from the "SS. Montroyal" were cruising in the West Indies, some of them had an interesting—and rather exciting—experience at a meeting of Havana Rotary. The meeting was held in the roof garden of the Plaza Hotel

and while a flashlight picture was being taken some of the decorations were ignited by the exploding magnesium powder. A panic was averted by the prompt arrival of the fire department and a new extension ladder recently presented to the department by the Havana Rotarians came in handy.

New Club Makes Flying Start

SIMCOE, ONT.—The local Rotary club was organized on May 5th, and on May 18th the club undertook to raise \$6,000 for the completion of a sunroom and the installation of an elevator in the new county hospital. By May 21st, \$5,500 was subscribed by Simcoe citizens at the solicitation of Rotarians and the balance has since been assured. The Simcoe club has 21 members.

British Club Finds Good Subject for Debate

GUILDFORD (SURREY) ENGLAND.—The Rotary Club debated the following subject—"That in the opinion of this meeting the presidency of the Guilford Rotary Club should be restricted to a six months' tenure, unless special conditions should warrant an extension expressed by a majority vote of the members."

President Albert Hickling was "for," and brought forward the following reasons.

Rotary, he said, demanded the utmost a man can give and did the club think they were achieving that when the president was called upon to preside over no fewer than 70 meetings in his year of office? Only the best will do for Rotary, and in his experience he never knew a single president to go through to the last with the same enthusiasm as he began. The strain was too much for the average man. If Rotary was to progress you must have 100 per cent energy.

Past President Cecil Hart, in opposing the motion, pointed out in the first place constitutional difficulties in the way. If President Albert's idea was adopted the presidency would be in a constant state of flux. We were not all sprinters and the club would get out of breath. The presidency should be in the nature of a competitive post, and not a freehold to be won by waiting. "Let well jolly well alone," concluded the speaker.

In open discussion (two minutes being allowed each speaker) the resolution found no favor with the club, and was unanimously lost on being put to the vote.

This stunt would stir up discussion among the members in almost any Rotary Club. It suggests others such as the proposal to throw away the Code of Ethics as too "high-brow" for practical business men. A home talent debate in which all the members or many of them are drawn in by skillful leaders invariably makes a hit.

Lint From the Rotary Looms

DOVER, N. J.—Raymond F. (Pete) Woodhull, president of Dover Rotary, was elected president of the Motion Picture Theater Owners of America at a recent convention of that organization.

TACOMA, WASH.—"Everybody Sing" Lyons, whom many Rotarians will remember as a convention song leader, was presented with a handsome testimonial signed by eight past presidents of Tacoma Rotary when he left this city to take a position in Pasadena.

HARLINGEN, TEXAS.—Down in the lower Rio Grande Valley lies Hidalgo County, which claims the honor of having more Rotary clubs than any county in the United States. Nine of the sixteen towns in the valley have Rotary clubs, and in each case the head of the public schools is a member, as are several of the men on the boards of education of the respective towns. Consequently, there is a keen interest in education among the Rotary clubs of the valley—and an excellent attendance record. For some time one of these nine towns, Donna, was the smallest town in the world with a Rotary club, and recently another valley town, Mission, was the first Class "D" club to furnish a District Governor.

OKMULGEE, OKLA.—During May the Rotary club held the first 100 per cent meeting in the nine years of its existence. The seventy or so members had tried it several times before but never succeeded till this year.

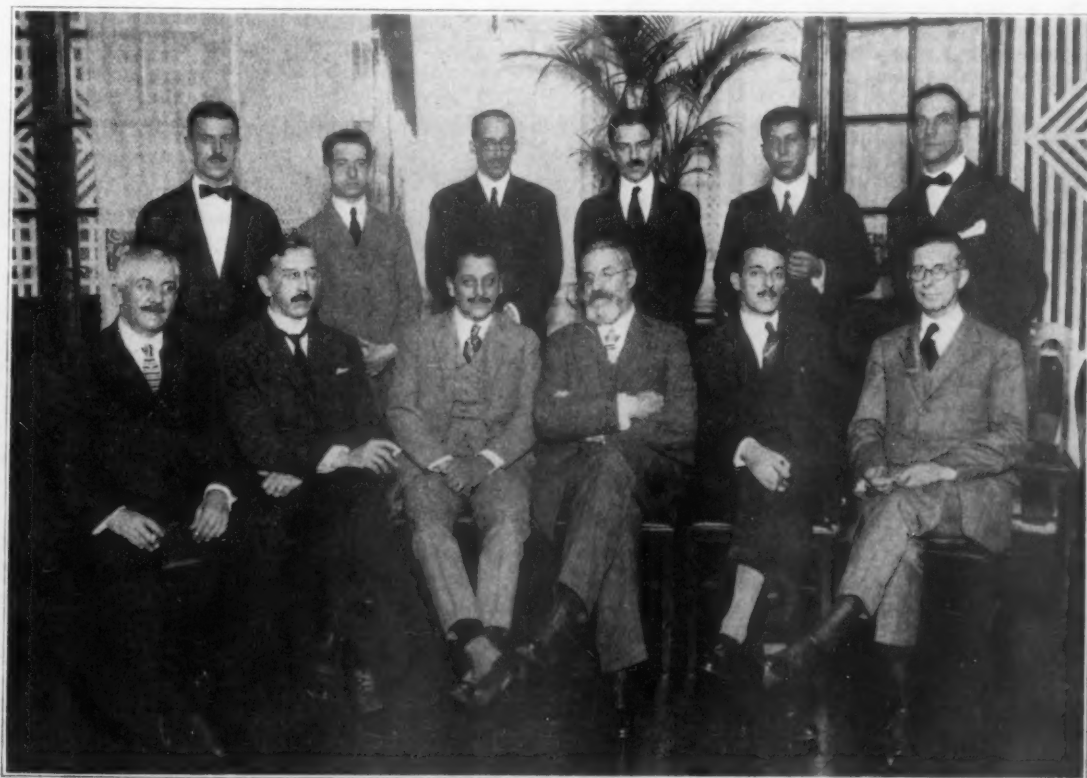
STOCKTON, CAL.—Due largely to the efforts of the local Rotary club the vote on a public bond issue of \$6,000,000 to give Stockton a deep water harbor was passed by 11,288 to 937. This project will mean development of Stockton's waterway sufficient to accommodate 90 per cent of the tonnage now entering San Francisco bay, and it is estimated that by 1940 this will mean an annual saving of \$2,000,000 in transportation charges.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.—And now comes William H. Mansfield, a charter member of New Brunswick Rotary, who has visited more American Rotary clubs than any of his home town members, and may have the record for New Jersey. Some time ago he went on a four months' trip to the Pacific coast but made up his attendance every week but one, when he was aboard ship. In the past year he visited more than twenty-five clubs.

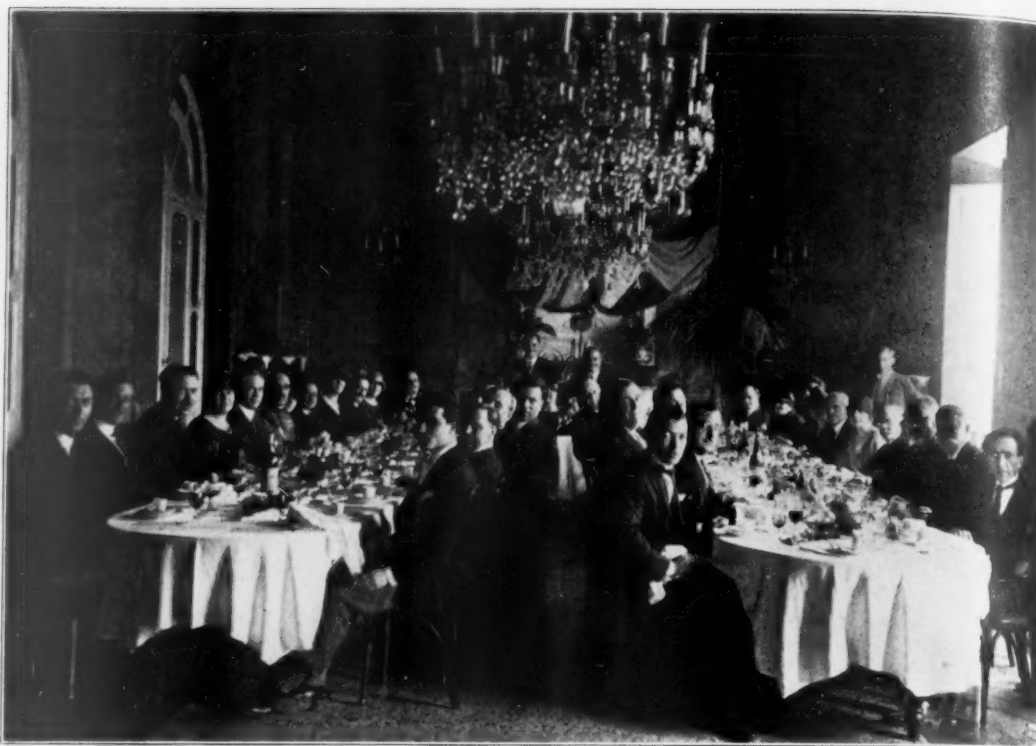
BURLINGTON, VT.—In the combined outing of the Rotary and Exchange clubs Rotary won the golf, baseball, and barnyard golf matches; lost the tennis; tied the fishing, songs, speeches, eating and dancing.

WICHITA, KANSAS.—This club has divided its membership into convenient groups for the study of other countries in which Rotary is established. Each group will give a report so that all members will have the benefit of the knowledge acquired.

For two years there was only one Rotary Club in Brazil. But in February, 1924, a charter was issued and Sao Paulo Rotary began its career with sixteen members, a dozen of whom appear in this picture. These Sao Paulo Rotarians would have to travel 308 miles by rail to visit the nearest club at Rio de Janeiro.



This is a view of the inaugural luncheon of the Rotary Club of Leghorn, Italy. The seventeen charter members received congratulations from the diplomatic, military, naval and civil officials present, as well as from the members of the Rotary clubs at Milan, Genoa and Turin. After the luncheon the party enjoyed an automobile trip through the picturesque country around Leghorn.



UTICA, N. Y.—The meeting of Utica Rotary on July 3rd was marked by the impersonations of John Bull and Uncle Sam given by two members whose talks combined humor with some real historical information. Other features of the meeting added to the anniversary atmosphere.

ORLANDO, FLORIDA.—The Orlando Rotarians might have made a good run for the attendance trophy at Cleveland if they had turned in their score. But at any rate they have the satisfaction of knowing that their club was represented at every phase of the convention, including breakfasts, special

and group assemblies. Results are already apparent and the club will try for the Eustis trophy at Denver.

MORRISTOWN, N. J.—White mist drifted over Schooley's mountain and through the still, damp woods echoed the voice of a Morristown minister saying: "The Y. M. C. A. accepts from the Rotary Club the administration of the Morristown Camp as a trust for the boys and girls of this community." Thus the younger generation was formally given possession of a \$5,500 camp and proceeded to celebrate the event by a ball game, boys vs. Rotarians.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Four thousand citizens paraded, ten thousand watched. Floats, groups in costumes of many lands, passed by; bands blared. One hundred and fifty newly made citizens of the republic received diplomas, heard speeches by the mayor, the superintendent of schools, the Governor, the Secretary of Labor. Brooklyn was observing Citizens' Day with plans launched by the Y. M. C. A., program promoted by Rotarians. As one float announced, "a warm welcome in America for all who are industrious and law abiding."

BRENNHAM, TEXAS.—The first annual Rotary edition of the Brenham Daily Banner-Press ran 24 pages instead of the usual 6 and was full of information concerning local and international Rotary.

KETCHIKAN, ALASKA.—The recently organized Rotary Club at Ketchikan has the triple distinction of being Club No. 2000, of being the most northerly club in Rotary and the most westerly club in North America.

MAYFIELD, KENTUCKY.—One of these days the entire reportorial and editorial force of the Mayfield "Messenger" will get an extra holiday. On that day the local Rotarians will get their charter—and the event will be duly celebrated by a special edition of the Messenger. The only limitation placed on the fifteen charter members is that nothing but illness or absence from the city excuses them from their journalistic task.



When Hugo Prager retired from the presidency of Zurich Rotary he presented this bronze statue to the club. In expressing the appreciation of the members Dr. Achard chairman, said: "The work speaks for itself. It confirms faith in the high Rotary ideal. In all future meetings it shall stand before us as a symbol."

Convention Resolutions Adopted

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the word "petition" requires amplification and explanation;

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International assembled in its Sixteenth Annual Convention that Article X of the By-Laws of Rotary International is hereby amended by striking out Section 1, and substituting therefor a new section to read as appended below; also by striking out the words "petition" and "petitions" wherever they appear in Sections 2, 3 and 4 and substituting therefor, in each case respectively, the words "application" and "applications"; and also by striking out Section 6, and substituting therefor a new section to read as appended below; said Article X, as amended, to read as follows:

ARTICLE X—ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS

Section 1. Establishment of National or Territorial Units. Powers to function in an administrative capacity, as provided in Sub-Section (a) in Section 1 of Article VIII of the Constitution may be delegated by Rotary International to any group comprising all the member clubs in one or more nations. An application to have such administrative powers delegated shall be made to Rotary International in the manner provided in this Article of these By-Laws. The proposed Constitution and By-Laws of such a contemplated unit, which must accompany the application, shall conform to the spirit and provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of Rotary International. Said application and accompanying constitution and by-laws shall be submitted to the annual International Convention as hereinafter provided. The Convention may, by a majority vote of the accredited delegates at such convention, grant the application and approve the accompanying constitution and by-laws with or without amendments. Thereupon the national or territorial unit shall forthwith be organized and shall operate as an administrative unit of Rotary International, in the manner provided in its constitution and by-laws as approved by said International Convention. All changes in its Constitution thereafter must be proposed by said administrative unit, either by action of its Board of Directors or of the delegates of its clubs in annual or special conference assembled, and to become effective, must be approved with or without amendments, by an International Convention. Such changes shall be submitted by said unit to the Board of Directors of Rotary International for presentation to the next available Annual Convention; provided that no proposed amendment shall be acted upon at any convention unless a copy of such proposed amendment shall have been delivered to the Secretary of Rotary International at least fifteen (15) days before the opening of the convention. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of Rotary International forthwith to cause a copy of such proposed amendment to be mailed to the Board of Directors of Rotary International. Subsequent to the organization of a national or territorial unit and the approval of its Constitution and By-Laws by an International Convention, changes in its By-Laws not inconsistent with its Constitution or the Constitution and By-Laws of Rotary International may be made by said unit.

Section 2. Procedure. Any national or territorial group desiring to submit an application and proposed constitution and by-laws as provided in Section 1 of this Article shall file the same with the Secretary of Rotary International. Said application must be signed by the Presidents of not less than twenty-five of the member clubs in such group. The signature of each such President must be authorized by a majority vote of the entire active membership of his club.

Within twenty (20) days after the receipt and filing of such application and proposed constitution and by-laws, the Secretary of Rotary International shall mail to the Secretary of each club in such group a ballot form upon which each of the clubs in said group may vote for or against the presentation of such application to the International Convention. Said ballot shall be accompanied by a copy of the application and proposed constitution and by-laws. The ballots must be returned to the Secretary of Rotary International within three months after he mails them to the various club secretaries. To be valid, a ballot must show that a majority vote of the entire active membership of the club authorized it to be cast. Upon receipt by the Secretary of Rotary International of valid ballots in favor of the presentation of said application from three-quarters of the clubs in

said national or territorial group, the application shall be deemed the application of said group.

The Secretary of Rotary International shall then present the application and the accompanying constitution and by-laws to the Board of Directors. He shall forthwith mail a notice to the Secretary of each member club of Rotary International of intention to present said application, constitution and by-laws to the next subsequent annual International Convention held not less than sixty (60) days after the mailing of said notice. Such subsequent International Convention may by majority vote of the accredited delegates at such convention grant the application and establish said national or territorial unit in accordance with the provisions of its constitution and by-laws, with or without amendments.

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to examine all such applications and proposed constitution and by-laws and to present the same and to report thereon to the International Convention which receives said application.

Section 3. Executive Committee. Powers to function in an administrative capacity as provided in Sub-Section (b), Section 1 of Article VIII of the Constitution may be delegated to any group comprising all the member clubs in one or more nations in the same manner and under the same rules as set forth in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article, with the following exceptions and additions: The application must be accompanied by a set of proposed rules for administration instead of a constitution and by-laws; these shall be subject to the same examination and approval as is provided for a proposed constitution and by-laws. The preliminary application must be signed by not less than twelve Club Presidents instead of twenty-five.

Section 4. Advisory Committee. Authority to have an Advisory Committee or other agency as provided in Sub-Section (c) of Section 1 of Article VIII of the Constitution, may be granted to any group comprising all the member clubs in one or more nations. The application to have such authority shall be made to Rotary International in the manner provided in this Article of the By-Laws. Said application shall be investigated by the Board of Directors and referred by it to the annual International Convention with the recommendations of the Board thereon. The same method shall be pursued in connection with the presentation of an application for permission to have an advisory committee or other agency as in the case of national or territorial groups desiring to function in an administrative capacity, except that the preliminary application shall be signed by the Presidents of not less than ten member clubs in such national or territorial group, and be accompanied by proposed rules defining the authority sought instead of a proposed constitution and by-laws.

Section 5. District Administration. When any group of clubs is so located that it is impossible for Rotary International to furnish equal service to that rendered the clubs in North America, the Board of Directors of Rotary International may establish district administration as provided for in Sub-Section (d) of Section 1 of Article VIII of the Constitution, and the Board is empowered to determine and define the methods and manner of such administration and to change the same from time to time. Action shall not be taken by the Board under this Section unless and until seven of its members have voted in favor of such action.

Section 6. Further Rules. The Board of Directors of Rotary International are empowered to make such further rules to carry out the provisions of the foregoing Sections of this Article as may be necessary, but such rules shall not abridge the rights of clubs to make applications, requests, petitions, or representations or otherwise to address themselves to Rotary International.

Convention Outside of North America

WHEREAS, Rotary International has established many clubs outside of North America and there is a natural and growing desire that a conven-

tion of Rotary International should be held outside of North America, and

WHEREAS, the holding of such a convention would greatly assist in the further extension of Rotary,

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International, assembled in its Sixteenth Annual Convention, that a convention of Rotary International should be held outside of North America as soon as practicable.

Continuity of Program

WHEREAS, the Committees of Rotary International appointed immediately following each Rotary Convention are required to develop and present programs for Rotary activities in accordance with their duties prescribed in the By-Laws of Rotary International, and

WHEREAS, there is necessarily an interval of considerable length incident to the preparation of such programs during which the clubs mark time awaiting the announcement of the programs, and

WHEREAS, the programs to be progressively effective should provide continuity of policy and activities, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the experience of each year's work and the knowledge thereby gained be reflected in the program of the ensuing year, now, therefore,

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International assembled in its Sixteenth Annual Convention that the Board of Directors of Rotary International present a general program for the coming Rotary year based on the conclusions and recommendations of the retiring committees; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this program be offered to the 1925 convention of Rotary International for the approval of the delegates, which approval shall fix and determine the program for the succeeding year and at each succeeding convention the Board of Directors of Rotary International shall offer for the approval of the delegates the program for the ensuing year.

Three Directors From Outside United States, Canada, Newfoundland, Great Britain and Ireland

WHEREAS the Constitution of Rotary International as adopted in 1922 provides for one director of Rotary International to be elected from the membership of a club not located in the above mentioned countries, and

WHEREAS, the extension and growth of Rotary since 1922 has brought into the membership of Rotary International a great many additional clubs in countries where clubs were located in 1922 and also in countries where there were no clubs at that time, and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Board of Directors of Rotary International should be more truly international in its composition,

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International, assembled in its Sixteenth An-

nual Convention, that the 1925-1926 Board of Directors is requested to consider and, if deemed advisable to offer to the 1926 Convention of Rotary International a resolution to amend Section 1 of Article V of the Constitution of Rotary International by striking out the first sentence of said section and inserting in place of it the following sentence: "The governing administrative body of Rotary International shall be a Board of Directors consisting of twelve (12) members, eleven (11) of whom shall be elected annually." And by striking out the last sentence of said section and inserting in place of it the following sentence: "The nine (9) foregoing directors shall forthwith elect the tenth, eleventh and twelfth directors from the membership of clubs not located in any geographical group hereinbefore mentioned in this section."

Resolution Combining Previous Resolutions

WHEREAS, Rotary International as it exists today, is the result of twenty years' experience, growth, development and progress, beginning with the one club in 1905, increasing in number and then becoming a national association, afterward becoming an international association, and finally attaining its present status as Rotary International, completely encircling the world and embracing within its membership men of many countries, languages and customs; and

WHEREAS, during the various stages of development and growth there have been passed 187 convention resolutions, interpreting and supplementing the fundamental laws incorporated in the Constitution and By-Laws; all of which resolutions are definitely recorded in the archives of Rotary; and

WHEREAS, many of such resolutions were transitory in character, being complimentary or sympathetic; directory, looking toward the accomplishment of some specific act; suggestive of the adoption or avoidance of certain practices, and many of such resolutions have been merged into subsequent resolutions or made part of the Constitution and By-Laws; and others of transitory nature, expressive as they were of the ideals and aims of the great pioneers of Rotary, having completely served their purpose; and

WHEREAS, certain of the resolutions are statements of well established Rotary policies, philosophy, platform, code of ethics, customs, precedents, name, emblem, colors, the observance of its Anniversary, the Rotary Club objectives, the precedents governing Rotary Club participation in community or international service, and attendance at club meetings and conventions.

It IS RESOLVED by Rotary International assembled in its Sixteenth Annual Convention, that the following resolutions passed and action taken by previous international conventions and by the Board of Directors, are hereby declared to be at present in full force and effect, as interpreting and supplementing the fundamental laws incorporated in the Constitution and By-Laws of Rotary International, to-wit:

Resolutions passed in 1911 and 1912, relating to Rotary platform.

Resolution passed in 1912, relating to emblem and colors.

Convention action taken in 1912 relating to membership representing individuals, not firms.

Convention action taken in 1915 relating to code of ethics.

Resolution passed in 1914 relating to Rotary flag.

Resolution passed in 1914 relating to visiting Rotarians pay for lunch.

Resolution passed in 1914 relating to annual anniversary and date thereof.

Resolution passed in 1915 relating to use of name "Rotarian" by club publications.

Resolution passed in 1917 relating to presentation of membership cards.

Resolution passed in 1918 relating to emblem on business stationery.

Resolution passed in 1918 relating to co-operation among clubs.

Resolution passed in 1919 relating to award of trophy.

Resolution passed in 1919 relating to unauthorized association of Rotary with other organizations.

Resolution passed in 1919 relating to endorsement of projects and movements.

Resolution passed in 1919 relating to firm memberships in similar organizations.

Resolution passed in 1921 relating to official emblems.

Resolution passed in 1922 relating to prohibiting clubs from calling on other clubs for financial assistance.

Resolution passed in 1922 relating to attendance computation.

Resolution passed in 1922 relating to defining term "within same week."

Resolution passed in 1922 relating to crippled children.

Resolution passed in 1923 relating to policy as to Boys Work.

Resolution passed in 1923 relating to restricting use of emblems, etc.

Resolution passed in 1923 relating to true meaning of attendance contest.

Resolution passed in 1923, being Resolution No. 34 of St. Louis Convention.

Resolution passed in 1924 relating to establishing form of procedure on relief in times of great disaster.

Board action in force for many years, providing that it is contrary to the established policy of Rotary for any Rotary Club as a unit of Rotary International to become a member of any other organization than Rotary International;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the incoming Board of Directors of Rotary International is hereby directed to publish these resolutions as a statement of the policies, precedents and customs of Rotary.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all of the other 187 resolutions herein referred to are declared to have served their purpose and are no longer to be considered as having any control over the officers or members of Rotary International; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed to affect, repeal or modify the Constitution and By-Laws of Rotary International or the Standard Club Constitution, as adopted by the 13th Annual Convention and subsequently amended; the approval of the Constitution and By-Laws of Rotary International, Association for Great Britain and Ireland, by said convention and the authorities therein granted; and the resolution authorizing certain amendments to the incorporation of Rotary International, also passed by said 13th Annual Convention.

Thanks to President Hill

WHEREAS, Everett Hill has served Rotary International most capably and faithfully during his term as President, and

WHEREAS, Rotary Clubs throughout the world have, upon the invitation of the Rotary Club of Sayre, Pennsylvania, forwarded individual contributions to a fund with which to procure a token, representative of the widespread appreciation of Everett's untiring service and have turned over this token to the Resolutions Committee to be presented to our President; it is

RESOLVED, That the Committee assumes this pleasant duty, and on behalf of all Rotarians, offers the following words of praise, appreciation and good wishes:

This parchment of sheep-skin fitly symbolizes Everett's humility and unselfish labors in the advancement of a universal cause.

The silver service is given as a lasting token of his fellow Rotarians' appreciation of the distinguished service Everett has rendered during his term as President.

The gift is accompanied with the good wishes of more than one hundred thousand Rotarians for Everett and his lovely helpmate, Marguerite.

Programs for Guidance of Committees

WHEREAS, pursuant to the adoption of Resolution No. 15 enacted by the 1925 Rotary Convention, the 1924-25 Board of Directors of Rotary International has presented the appended programs for the guidance of the Committees of Rotary International for the year 1925-26, now, therefore;

It IS RESOLVED, by Rotary International assembled in its Sixteenth Annual Convention, that the appended programs for the year 1925-26 are hereby approved and adopted.

As the most important function of Rotary International is the education of the individual Rotarian in the purposes, objects, ideals and practices of Rotary, the program for Rotary Education is placed first on the list of programs.

PROGRAM OF ROTARY EDUCATION FOR 1925-1926

1. The continuance of the Standard Outline of Rotary Education.
2. The preparation of suggestive club programs to provide all Rotarians with information on and knowledge of Rotary as covered in the Standard Outline of Rotary Education.
3. The giving of additional emphasis to Rotary schools, Rotary forums and club councils as a means of acquainting Rotarians with the purposes and objects of Rotary and extending such knowledge to others than Rotarians.

PROGRAM OF BUSINESS METHODS FOR 1925-1926

1. The study and further definition of the expression "The Rotary Ideal of Service."
2. The continuance of the stimulation of the writing of Codes of Correct Business Practices.
3. The collection and dissemination of information regarding desirable business and professional practices.
4. The encouraging of craft organization activity by the individual Rotarian.
5. The awakening of the interest of all men in the observance of correct business practices.

PROGRAM OF BOYS WORK FOR 1925-1926

1. The making by the clubs of a survey of boy life of their respective communities.
2. The encouragement and assistance of existing boys work agencies.
3. The promotion of the boys work activities presented in the 1924 and 1925 program.
4. The awakening of interest of individual Rotarians in supervising spare time and recreational activities.
5. The encouragement and promotion of Boys' Week.

PROGRAM OF CLASSIFICATIONS WORK FOR 1925-1926

1. The completion of and necessary revision, if any, of the Standard Outline of Classifications.
2. The encouragement of the making of classification surveys and the establishment of rosters of filled and unfilled classifications by all clubs.
3. The adoption by the clubs of the standard classification terms used in the Standard Outline of Classifications.

4. The study of membership problems and their relation to the classification idea.

PROGRAM OF EXTENSION FOR 1925-1926

1. Continued active world-wide extension.
2. Close and helpful supervision of newly organized clubs.

PROGRAM OF THE 1926 CONVENTION

The Convention program to be based on administration and committee programs of the year, leading up to and centering on the Sixth Object of Rotary.

PROGRAM OF THE CANADIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE, 1925-1926

Reaffirmation of the program of the past year for continued activity.

PROGRAM OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE, 1925-1926

The study of problems which may be referred to it for recommendation.

New Sequence of Rotary Events

WHEREAS, the Resolutions Committee recognizes the fact that the present succession of events in the administration of Rotary International, commonly known as the "chronology of Rotary," does not make for the greatest efficiency, and

WHEREAS, various Rotary Clubs and District Conferences have discussed and offered suggestions looking to improvement in the chronology of Rotary and the 1923 Rotary Convention adopted a resolution calling upon the Board of Directors to make a study of the elements of the problem and recommend a solution, and both the 1923-24 and 1924-25 Boards of Directors have given study to the matter and have made progress in the solution of it, and

WHEREAS, the Resolutions Committee feels that the problem is one of such urgency that an immediate solution is most desirable and that it would give general satisfaction if the Resolutions Committee were to offer for the consideration of the Convention another resolution on the subject, the following resolution is therefore offered:

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International, assembled in its Sixteenth Annual Convention, that the problem caused by the succession of events in Rotary International, commonly known as the "chronology of Rotary," and including the date of the election and installation of officers of Rotary Clubs, the date of the annual convention, the date of the International Council Meeting, the date of the district councils or meetings of club executives, the date of the meeting of club councils and the date of the district conferences is one of paramount and immediate importance in the administration of Rotary International, and the incoming Board of Directors is directed to give special and immediate attention to the situation and devise a plan for the improvement of the chronology of Rotary which may be offered for the consideration of the clubs at the earliest possible moment and put into effect if possible during the coming year, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Convention gives to the incoming Board of Directors any additional power and authority that it may require to inaugurate such improved plan as may generally meet with the approval of the clubs, with the understanding and expectation that the plan, or some parts of it, may have to be finally authorized by amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of Rotary International and to the Standard Club Constitution to be enacted by the 1926 Convention.



Report of the Chuckle Committee

By RALPH BINGHAM—"Bing"

The Glacial Period

A few hours before the convention's adjournment President Everett said: "I feel this Hill slipping."

A Canon Cracker

Aside from his ability as a leader in thought and action Canon Bill Elliott of Liverpool cracks many a clever joke.

Some Playing

A Cleveland paper remarked that the way the orchestra at the Burnside-Klumph Pageant played the Star Spangled Banner "brought the audience to its feet."

Perspicacity

One of the delegates who wears his head billiard-ball style jumped into a chair in the Hotel Statler barber shop and in a large tone of voice said: "Gimme a hair cut." A gent in the next chair, plainly intoxicated, took a slant at the Rotarian's head and exclaimed: "Excuse me, but what you need is a shine."

Questions of Geography

First Floridan: "How are you?"

Second Floridan: "Tollable, thank you?"

First Vermonter: "How be ye?"

Second Vermonter: "Mout be better."

First Virginian: "How'dy do, Sir?"

Second Virginian: "I ain't much."

First Californian: "How're you kid?"

Second Californian: "100 per cent plus."

First Britisher: "How'jo do, Old Top?"

Second Britisher: "In the Pink, thanks."

Easy for Eph

In the lobby of the Statler new District Governor Sid Hardin of "Texas, Sah" whammed a new KKK whimsy as follows: "In a town in Texas a visitor asked a negro named Eph how was it he got along so well in a town that was so solidly Ku Klux Klan and Eph replied 'Lawd 'white folks' I gits along with 'em fine; anything dem Ku Kluxers don't like—I just nacherly hates.'"

International Scandal

During the Chariot Race in the Klumph-Burnside Pageant a Scotch delegate won \$10.00 from a Mexican delegate by betting him that Rotary Service would win the race—and strange to say he did.

Which Way Is UP?

District Dinner Committeeman: "Harry, we need some talent for a District Dinner."

Harry Surefire Fish: "So—how'd you like to have the Wichita quartette?"

District Dinner Committeeman: "How many of them is there?"

Fashion Note

My little playmate Raymond Hitchcock, the comic, dropped into the Statler lobby Monday and just about "stopped the show." He was quietly garbed in a blue coat and "pants," white waistcoat, grey derby with a black band, pink shirt, yellow hair, purple tie, tan shoes and green socks. Some thought he was a parson. He spoke at the Thirty-fifth District Dinner and scored a whale of a hit. Ray is really a gifted talker.

My Alibi

I'd rather take my fountain pen
And write this cheery junk.
Than spend my time with solemn thing
Or pessimistic bunk
I'd rather make one chuckle chuck.
I'd rather make one grin.
I'd rather make one smile break out.
On one old hard-boiled chin;
I'd rather cause an honest laugh
As I pass through the years.
Than spill some piffle that would pump
Ten million quarts of tears.

At That

I cannot close without saying in all seriousness that a dinner such as the one presided over by President Everett Hill participated in by the representatives of twenty-four nations of the world did more to establish a finer accord between the peoples of the earth than any event that has ever been held since time was. It was the high spot of the Convention and nothing but the unconquerable spirit of Rotary made such a gathering possible.

Personality Sketches

DONALD A. ADAMS, the new president of Rotary International, is a New Englander who chanced to be born in the Mid-West—at Windsor, Wisconsin, to be exact. He is a graduate of Carleton College and the law school of Yale, and since 1915 has been teaching business law at Yale; his daily business is accident and health insurance; also he has managed to acquire the secretaryship of an automobile club; to be active in the political life of New Haven; to become director of various business enterprises; and to do a good deal for Rotary and the Chamber of Commerce. In 1910 he invited Miss Edith Marion Nichols to share his destiny, and now there are two children to cross-examine Don on his knowledge of the universe.

Arthur H. Sapp, who is now first vice-president of Rotary, is a native of Ravenna, Ohio. He took his A. B. at Ohio Wesleyan and spent some years in teaching before his graduation from the law school of Indiana University. Since he began practicing law at Huntington, Indiana, he has thrice been elected as prosecuting attorney of the 56th circuit; has held numerous responsible posts in educational and philanthropic institutions; and has run the gamut of Rotary offices. While at Ohio Wesleyan he made a special study of his classmate, Clara Elizabeth Yingling, and is now doing post-graduate work in this course with the able help of a ten-year-old daughter.

Hart I. Seely of Waverly, N. Y., was not elected second vice-president of Rotary because he manufactures gloves for working men—but because he can put a regular man's grip into a glove. Furthermore, Hart is not unacquainted with work himself, for several years he has been club secretary and simultaneously served Rotary International as district governor or committee man. He is a native of Spencer, N. Y., a graduate of Cornell, and an authority on boys work; but probably his three children do not immediately mention these facts to their friends, they start off with the proud announcement that daddy is chief of the fire department!

Charles J. Burchell, K. C., of Halifax, N. S., occasionally abandons Blackstone in favor of black bass and leaves Coke for curling. He is also addicted to tennis, golf, skating, and other outdoor sports. Sydney, Nova Scotia, is his birthplace and Dalhousie his university—where he obtained the B. A., M. A. and B. L. degrees ten years before he was appointed King's Counsel. He has been a Rotarian for twelve

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years, and since he was president of his club has served on various committees including the Canadian Advisory Committee of 1920. His partner, J. Layton Ralston, together with Jim Davidson of Calgary, was appointed special commissioner to establish Rotary in Australia and New Zealand.

Among the various interests of **Carl Faust** of Jackson, Mississippi, are Boy Scouts, hardwood, a bank, a girl's school, and Rotary. He was first president of the Scout Council of his city, and last year was chairman of the regional Scout committee. After he left the Masonic College at Hartsville, Tennessee, he became a lumber buyer and at the age of twenty-six organized the firm of which he is now president. He is interested in at least one bank and is a trustee of Belhaven College. The versatility gained from these various occupations was welcome in Rotary and Carl held many important posts in the organization before the Cleveland delegates elected him director.

Perhaps if Oliver Wendell Holmes had ever met **Dr. Harry S. Fish** of Sayre, Pa., Holmes would never have said: "I firmly believe that if the whole *materia medica* could be sunk to the bottom of the sea, it would be all the better for mankind and all the worse for the fishes." Holmes was a humorist as well as a physician himself and might not have withstood the temptation of a misplaced capital. But the crippled children who have benefited by the work of Dr. Fish, the graduates of the University of Pennsylvania; the officers of the medical reserve corps; and the Rotarians who have watched and listened as Dr. Fish suavely proceeded to earn a place on their directorate know a good thing when they see it.

When the schoolfellows of **Arthur Frederick Graves** rechristened him "Paul" they wrought a happy coincidence, since it happens that the apostolic Paul did not begin life with that name. Anyhow "Paul" Graves of Brighton he remains, and in Rotary his classification is "real estate." Paul is a Fellow of various professional societies; a Freeman of London; secretary of various charitable and educational institutions; and one of the most successful organizers of Rotary clubs in R. I. B. I. He is further the "Bookworm" of the magazine "Rotary" and a co-opted member of the Library and Fine Arts

Committee of his town. He is a native of Tottenham but has lived in Brighton since he was eleven years of age.

Everett W. Hill needs no introduction to the majority of Rotarians. During his year as International President he travelled some 45,000 miles for the express purpose of meeting as many of his fellow-members as possible—and thereby set a new record. Everett is a native of Kansas and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. Before he became interested in ice manufacturing in Oklahoma City he spent some time in research work for the Standard Oil Company. While he was governor of the old Seventeenth district he devoted just one day of the year to his own business—which proves that he made a good job of organizing the company which he now heads.

Harry H. Rogers hails from Missouri—but he needs no one to show him how to work. He began teaching when he was only fifteen and continued for ten years, reading law at home meanwhile. After being admitted to the Missouri bar he began to practice in Oklahoma and continued until 1920, when he made his home in San Antonio, Texas. Here he acquired an interest in cotton mills, also in a railway, and is now serving on the directorate of many businesses. The memories of his terms at Weaubleau Christian College induced him to become a trustee of two or three educational institutions, and he is also active in religious work. His recent election as a director of Rotary gives new scope for his talents.

Concerning Director **T. C. Thomsen** we will tell you all we know now and look forward to sketching him in detail a little later. He is Managing Director of "A/S Titan," located in Copenhagen, Denmark. His classification is "cream and oil separators". We understand he has traveled much in Europe and America and is quite a linguist. One has but to meet him to realize that he is a Rotarian and an active one. He was President of the Copenhagen club last year. He resides in Hellerup, which we imagine is a suburb.

One of the greatest exponents of the perforated rolls—he has a houseful of ammunition for his player-piano—is **Rufus F. Chapin** of Chicago, the original banker member of Rotary. Rufus has been treasurer of Rotary International since 1912, and a member of the organization since 1905. He arrived in the banking business by way of a stock-brokers' office—and largely because two boy chums were interested

in banking, and has since become an officer of many large financial concerns. Besides these attainments, the fact that he is and insists on remaining a bachelor has been widely advertised.

Chesley R. Perry is also a native Chicagoan, and spent some years in the service of the Chicago Public Library and the Chicago public schools, and did newspaper and magazine work for recreation. During the Spanish-American war he served in Cuba with the U. S. Volunteers, with the rank of first lieutenant. After the war he returned to library and school work for a time and then made some ventures in the commercial world. "Ches" joined the original Rotary club in January, 1908. He was presiding officer of the first Rotary convention of 1910. His secretaryship dates from the close of that convention, and he is responsible for the launching of THE ROTARIAN.

—"A. M."

The Thrill of the Convention

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and they did not want to miss a minute of that wonderful program put on by Dr. Harry Fish of Sayre, Pa.

Oh—How I Hate to Get Up

Thursday morning we had a breakfast at 7:30 for the editors of club publications. I was at the Westlake Hotel, seven miles out. Can you imagine what time I had to get up to get to the Statler by 7:30? That sure was the first time I ever saw the sunrise as I was going out. When I have been coming in—well, that's another story.

Jimmie Wise a Stem Winder

Allen D. Albert sounded some warnings for Rotarians growing out of the immense size of our conventions and he was received warmly. Another man who rang the bell was James Wise, Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Kansas—O, I beg pardon, it was Jimmy Wise of the Topeka Rotary Club for he said he hoped the Rotary boys would never forget the "Jimmy" part as that had warmed his heart. I wish there were time to bring you his really great message. I wish it were possible by mere words to bring his inspiration here. If you do not read anything else in the Convention Proceedings read this. He was so intensely human. This for instance: "There have been three periods in America. First the age of the passing of the Buffalo; second, the age of the passing of the Elk, and now we are in the age of the passing of the Buck."

Round Table Cleanings

The Round Table and Luncheon for
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WILDROOT Quinine HAIR DRESS

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Secretaries was a huge success. Being a secretary I am sure you will pardon me if I say it was by far the finest looking body of men at the convention. It was only several years ago that we could hardly get a handful of secretaries and here we had close to 500. It visualized the tremendous growth of Rotary.

At the Round Table for Clubs of over 150 we heard another fine talk on Fellowship from that popular past president Bert Adams of Atlanta. He showed how the clubs are becoming so large that we are overlooking the very foundation stone of Rotary-fellowship, "When we are green, we grow—when we are ripe, we get rotten." He pleaded for more programs put on by our own members.

In this session men were on their feet constantly to discuss the vital questions up. All were a unit in declaring that much of the attendance problem is solved if new members are taken into the club in the right way. The tendency is for old members to flock together. The new member is often neglected and left to shift for himself. One club had a corking good idea. Every new member wears a red badge for a year. He is placed on a standing committee of the club and after three months is switched to another so in a year serves on four different committees. He gets a real insight into the workings of the club, its aims and purposes as well as acquaintance with the men who have their hands on the throttle.

Visitor Problems

Much was said of the disgraceful way many clubs treat visiting Rotarians. They are really guests in your home and yet often as they are introduced few in the club will have a chance to hear who they are because of the noise. You may do a wonderful piece of boys work as well as aid the crippled children but it won't ever count with that visiting Rotarian. He will ever rightly judge of your Rotary Club by the kind of treatment he receives.

Many stressed that attendance was

vital in Rotary and that it was possible to raise the percentage if the attendance committee would really do some personal work. Oakland with a club of 225 divides up into ten teams with a captain and two lieutenants. Every member is called up and if he cannot possibly get to the meeting is urged to make up his attendance in another club. Every meeting each captain reports his percentage and if below 98 per cent he is greeted with good natured razzing. It gets every member on his toes to keep up the percentage of his team. If Oakland can do it year after year why can't we? The answer is plain. We can if we are really sincere in our wish to do it, and if this desire carries with it a similar zeal for work.

Well, Hello, Bill

I see the hour is late, in fact this rather rambling description has taken an hour but the fact that you have stayed with me this far shows your great interest in this convention. I do want to take just a few minutes more to tell you of a rather significant thing. Our own Bill Clark is the only International Head of a Union in Rotary, and President Hill called him to the stage, introduced him to the crowd and said Bill was at the head of the American Flint Glass Workers' Union, that it had never had a strike under his regime and that he was a man who believed every labor dispute could be settled on the Rotary platform. You can imagine that Bill was given a big hand.

As I get all over the country to Rotary Clubs, generally two and three a week, I hear much about Rotary being able to be a great factor in settling labor disputes and all the time I find in Rotary no representatives of the men who toil. To be truly representative we must have and hear both sides and Rotary will never get far in settling the great question between capital and labor until we seek out in our various communities those representatives of labor who by their life and works have shown themselves to be of the calibre of Rotarians and then make them members.

But great as were the talks, wonderful as were the inspiring sights, the

greatest things of the whole convention were the old friendships renewed and the new ones made. It gave a new meaning to that old word—friendship. It brought you a new realization of how Rotary has taken the old, old truths and made them practical in the daily life of a Rotarian. You only casually remember things you see, even things you read are not long retained but you never forget things you do. Billy Sunday was a philosopher as well as a great evangelist, for when a wealthy friend wanted to give him plush covered collection boxes, he said:

"O, no, I want the old tin pans so when a bird puts in a nickel or a penny he'll get a reaction."

It's from things you do that you get a reaction and in Cleveland for four days we heard of how Rotarians everywhere are making the Golden Rule practical, are dignifying their business by making it their avenue to really serve, how they are not mere "check book" givers but through Rotary are going out into the highways and byways and preaching what George Duggan chose to call "Sermons in Shoes."

What It All Meant

Think of it. Nearly 12,000 men and women, gathered together from the four corners of the world, traveling weeks, yes, months, spending large sums that often meant the savings of years to do what—find out how to fatten their purses? O, no, to get a new idea of what joy there is in life when we work out for ourself the Rotary slogan.

After all, boys, you can work and slave and save and if at the end there is only a pile of money to show for your efforts, life will be empty indeed. But if at the end of the long, long road there are happy faces of kiddies you have helped, there are those friends to rise and call you blessed because you have lived, you have indeed found Life. This great convention will ever bring to us a realization of what golden treasure there is in the wealth of Rotary friendship and what happiness is stored up for those who have learned to make the Rotary slogan of service not merely words but works.

The Uniqueness of Rotary

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of the profession and he would be so regarded both by those within it and by the general public outside it.

I am not saying that all doctors live up to this, not at all, but on the whole through a long period of years, broadly speaking there has been an effective tradition to that effect. It is because there has been an exemplification of the principle of *service before self* in

that profession that that profession is held in honor by the general public.

Rotary says that there is no legitimate way by which a man may earn his living which is not capable of being so fulfilled as to earn for itself an equal position of public honor. That is the Rotary principle of classification, one of each.

I think that what we have got to

go on to say—it wouldn't be fair not to say so—is this: that it is very much more difficult for some men engaged in some ways of earning a living to carry out these Rotary principles than it is for other men engaged in other ways of earning a living.

I don't think that any medical man, worthy of his place in the profession is going to take any credit to himself

personally because of the traditions of his profession. He knows perfectly well that his own conscience is being supported, buttressed, every day of his life, by these traditions; that it is a comparatively easy thing for him so to fulfill his vocation because there has been this tradition coming down through the ages and because there are surrounding him other members of his profession who, like himself, are endeavoring to carry out those traditions in their lives.

It is a comparatively easy thing for him, as it is a comparatively easy thing from that point of view for one in the profession of which I am a humble member.

It is a very difficult thing for some men in other ways of life where the traditions are quite different, where service above self is a revolutionary principle, where there are no supports, where a man's conscience has at times to stand alone. It is a difficult thing for him, and we have got to be very careful as how we judge one another in Rotary.

Don't let us easily say that such and such a man is a poor Rotarian. You don't know and I don't know what are the difficulties and the conditions under which he has to work. What you are concerned about and what I am concerned about is the endeavor to live in our own lives this Rotary principle, to make it effective with ourselves first.

Well now I have only about another two minutes. I do want to say just one last word. I have talked about fellowship and I have talked about vocation in their relation to our classification system. I want to say just a word about the last thing, and that is service, because here I confine myself, for the sake of brevity, to one point only. I just want to mention a thing that is perfectly obvious to everybody.

That is that from the point of view of service, interpreted as community

service, our classification system with its unique basis of membership gives us a unique opportunity to build up an effective body of men so thoroughly representative of the town as really to be competent to perform this community service.

I don't know whether all the membership committees of the clubs represented here are doing their duty, whether the membership committees regard it as they ought to do—as part of their duty to see that the club is being properly balanced, that the professional elements and the business elements are being properly balanced one with the other, and whether the business element—the manufacturing, the commercial and the retail sides of business—is present in the membership of the club in anything like a proper proportion with one another.

If the membership committees of the clubs are doing their duty, we have in Rotary a unique opportunity of building up in every town and city in the world a really representative and therefore effective and competent body of men to render community service.

I only want to make that point in a sentence, but it is a real point, in justification of our classification system and in relation to the vital connection between our classification system and our principles.

Well, Fellow Rotarians, my time is at an end. I only throw out these suggestions to you as lines along which I think we can usefully think. We in British Rotary, if I may speak as a British Rotarian for a moment, are really vitally concerned and very anxious to think out the fundamentals of our movement, to think out our principles and their application, and I value very much the opportunity which has been given me this morning of making very humbly some suggestions of the lines along which we have been thinking which I hope may be of use to the corporate thinking of this convention.

Briton Meets Briton

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in Ireland but politics have been wiped out now. Economics has taken the place of politics and we hear of nothing now but hydro-electric and conservation and afforestation and other peaceful words that we don't know anything at all about." And then he added, "But Rotary is doing something good for Ireland. It is teaching Irish Rotarians in the Free State and Ulster that they can live together for Ireland. It is helping to heal old wounds."

This last thought was also the theme of a brief speech by Rotarian R. W. Rusterholz, Special Commissioner from

Johannesburg, South Africa. "Rotary in South Africa is struggling forward," he announced, "but we are aiming at putting it on the highest possible plane. We have a great mission in South Africa to perform. There have been serious differences between the Dutch and English of my country. Rotary seeks to bring them together in amity and we are finding that it can do good work in this direction." He said that he was pleased to be able to tell his hearers that former Premier Sir Jan Smuts and the present Prime Minister, General Hertzog, realize that this may



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become Rotary's definite objective in South Africa. He brought greetings from five South African Rotary Clubs and from three in process of organization.

"From the land of the emu and the kangaroo" greetings were brought by Rotarian Ben Gelling, of Sydney, Australia. Ben Gelling is a past secretary and past president of the Rotary Club of Sydney and is one of the present Commissioners of Rotary International in that island continent. May it be mentioned here that twenty-one members constituted the Rotary party from New Zealand and Australia, surely a remarkable representation from lands 10,000 miles away where Rotary was introduced a bare four years ago by Rotarians Jim Davidson, of Calgary, and Layton Ralston, of Halifax, acting as special commissioners of Rotary International. Rotarian Gelling referred to his homogeneous homeland where the population is 95 per cent British. He was sure, he said, that Australia is destined to play an important part in that future when world interests will be more centered than now in the Pacific. "I look," he declared, "for the British people to do increasingly important things in the great work of civilization but we shall fall short of what is possible if, as Empire and individuals, we fail to develop to the full the fine spirit of Rotary."

Dr. Wm. E. Herbert, of Wellington, New Zealand, is the first district governor of the youngest Rotary district born during the International convention, and born, he remarked, under such happy and kindly influences. Speaking of his long journey to Cleveland he said, "This traveling as a Rotarian, how it adds to one's pleasure, how it increases our knowledge of people. We have in Rotary so fine an international spirit. We Rotarians of New Zealand thank the American people who have given us this great gift of Rotary."

Rotarians Gelling and Herbert joined in paying a special tribute of respect and affection to Jim Davidson and Layton Ralston, who brought Rotary to them, and the New Zealanders present united to express their sentiments in a Maori yell, which is one of the most diabolical methods of expressing anything that has yet been devised on earth.

Rev. Canon William Thompson Elliot, president of Rotary International—Association of Great Britain and Ireland, was one of the popular figures at the convention and he made a delightful speech at the British dinner. He mentioned that the Rotary spirit is something that has to be experienced and can not be learned from reading

or speeches. This point he illustrated by a little story about Jimmy Wilde, former flyweight champion, who was present with his manager at a Rotary meeting at Canon Elliott's club in Liverpool. There had been a flow of Rotary doctrine and then Jimmy was invited to speak. He stood up and said: "Well, gentlemen, all I've got to say is that I'm always happy to encourage sport in any form." After this, Jimmy's manager was asked to say a few words. He held forth thus: "I'm happy to see a Padre mixing up with the sort of gentlemen I see before me. It's good for them and good for the Padre." Canon Elliott added seriously a thought upon the value of the Rotary luncheons. "It is an ineradicable instinct that to eat food with another is a sign of fellowship, and a strengthening of fellowship. Service springs from fellowship, and as we develop the spirit of service, in the Empire and in the world, we shall be making our contribution, as Rotarians, to happiness the world over."

THE Britishers present appreciated the compliment paid to them by International President Everett Hill and the directors of Rotary International, all of whom were present at their dinner. "Under whatever flag we may be," declared President Hill, "we, as Rotarians, meet as friends." He referred to the delightful experiences he had had and the valued friendships he had formed when, as International President, he had attended the British annual meeting at Blackpool. Everett struck a note that never fails to win a warm response wherever British men are assembled when he spoke of the desirability of Americans and English-speaking people traveling in step in world affairs for the good of the world. "Rotary the world over," he declared, "traveling also in step can overwhelm everything that stands in the way of the great objects of our international organization."

Past International President Guy Gundaker, Ches Perry, and Rufe Chapin, were other popular guests, renewing friendships with Rotarians from all parts of the Empire.

The Wichita Quartette dropped in to sing and five members of the Mexican National Grand Opera Company delighted the party by singing several numbers most superbly. Then a most charming incident occurred. Rotarians of the Spanish-speaking countries were holding their convention dinner in an adjourning room at the same time. They left their tables *en masse* to pay a visit of courtesy to the Britishers. Mexicans, Cubans, Rotarians from Spain and the South-American countries streamed in and, to the delight

and the astonishment of the Empire Rotarians present, they sang "God Save the King" in English. It was a remarkable moment, a moment most suggestive of the fusing power of international Rotary.

I have left to the last a reference to a brief but most thoughtful address by Past International President Crawford McCullough. Perhaps Crawford McCullough is the most "international" of all the past presidents. A Canadian, elected at Edinburgh to preside over an organization at the time largely American, he personifies the international aspect of Rotary. I conclude therefore with the following citation from his speech on an occasion which will always be remembered with pleasure by British Rotarians present at the Cleveland convention:

"The strength of Rotary is not in its physical organization but in the spirit which it embodies and the fellowship which it translates into purposeful endeavour. It is a world-wide movement that has steadily gained momentum until now it has come to be an institution, an internationally recognized force. It increasingly attracts the attention of doers and thinkers, and receives its due share of criticism and commendation.

"There have been organizations aplenty, luncheon and social clubs and what not which have served a purpose for a while, languished a bit longer and ended in oblivion.

"There are some even within the ranks of Rotary who are beset with doubts of the future. There are many others without who scoff at Rotary and all that it essays to represent.

"No great institution can hope to escape criticism, indeed it would be a bad thing if it did. The coldly analytical criticism from men who are on the outside looking in—

"(A) May often serve to chasten, revive and stimulate those looking out from within. The great thing for you and me to constantly have in mind is that each of us who have the right to bear the name of Rotarian is the custodian of the name and fame of a world-wide institution. Rotary is so intimately personal in its expression that the world must judge it in only one way—through the type and every-day living of the individual Rotarian.

"(B) Canon Elliot spoke to us of the fellowship of Rotary and of the part that 'breaking bread' together once weekly has in the promotion of companionship and fellowship. There is still another aspect worth consideration. Men are by nature friendly, and man is a gregarious being. He likes to associate with his fellows, in play, in story, and in song. Civilization has

built up many artificial barriers to the expression of these natural instincts. Rotary supplies an atmosphere in which the artificialities do not thrive well. Fellowship is companionship on equal and friendly terms, and results from the contact of the man with man—heart with heart, and mind with mind.

"(C) When men play together, they also find it quite easy to work together. Without fellowship, cooperation is at best artificial and evanescent, but with it cooperation is natural and permanent.

"The international aspect of Rotary or in other words the universal applicability of the truths upon which it is founded and the philosophy of living of which it is an expression, is its chief claim to permanence. Rotary points the way to practical realization of the brotherhood of man.

"'Charity begins at home' the Rotarian believes to be peculiarly true, and the most enduring contribution that any nation can make to world understanding and international peace is to develop within its own confines, a citizenship of men and women who love their homes, the land in which they live and grow, its soil, its institutions, its traditions, its language, its literature and its art—men and women who scorn intolerance and injustice—patriots all who, revering the flag which protects them, put sympathy and love into their hearts and aspire to national greatness in terms of justice, morality, tolerance, and good will.

"This world will realize understanding, good will and peace when nations are imbued with the *will* to peace and to this end charity indeed must begin at home."

Unusual Stories of Unusual Men

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and endeavor, but the more vital fact that few ever know, until they actually arrive (if they ever do) whether or not they have the divine spark which ultimately determines whether a man is a star or just a good singer."

This was the acid test which Mr. Johnson had to undergo. He went to New York, a poor lad, without friends or influence, and with all his worldly possessions in a tin-covered trunk, with homesickness in his heart, and with doubt even on the part of his parents, that the career he sought was either possible or profitable. But he had a buoyant spirit and a capacity and disposition for hard work which carried him successfully to the pinnacle of fame.

"Eddie" Johnson, as he is known, not only in Rotary, but in the little city of

Guelph, Ontario, where he was born, has been decorated by more than one European government. He is a member of Cavaliere della Corona d'Italia, or Knight of the Crown of Italy, but to the populace of that nation he is better known as Eduardo di Giovanni (Edward, son of John). He still maintains at Florence, near the Old Bridge which has stood for over a thousand years, the villa in which he commenced his European studies and his married life, which was saddened by the early death of his wife. She was the daughter of a Portuguese nobleman, was an accomplished linguist, as well

as a clever musician and to her proficiency in the languages, he owes in large measure the facility he displays in singing Italian and French roles. His maturer art is largely the outcome of the training of Richard Bathelmy of Paris and Vincenzo Lombardi of Florence, both former tutors of Caruso.

Rotary gives him the contacts he so much desires with men of affairs, and though he is rarely able to attend his home-club meetings at Guelph, he embraces every opportunity to visit clubs wherever he may be touring. And it is this association which is helping him to relate his art to business.



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What Are Your "Profits"?

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trol of an activity which he uses to advance his own material interests at the expense of those whom he is supposed to serve, is an enemy to society, and that sort of competition must go.

But the ambition to outdistance your competitor, to give a better service to the world than he can give is thoroughly commendable and is one of the most powerful forces in the service of humanity.

Sometimes the contrast is made here between competition and cooperation. As a matter of fact constructive competition is in no way in conflict with cooperation. Constructive competition is the very highest form of cooperation.

You take this wonderful achievement of delivering a box of corn flakes into an American home for ten cents. Did you ever think of how many people work on that box of corn flakes? There are perhaps one hundred different groups of men who take part in bringing that box of corn flakes to the door of the American home for the price of ten cents. They cooperate for that purpose. Competitive cooperation is cooperation where the merit system is applied. That is to say that every single group of these one hundred cooperators is there through being able to give better service than anybody else can give.

My friends, in this field of constructive cooperation, the men who sit on the left and right in this kingdom win these places not through sentimentality but by the fact that they give better service than anybody else can give, and it means the great man is the man who serves most. As a matter of fact, we accept his competition everywhere. The very people that fight him believe in him and are not conscious of it.

Churches compete with each other for their constituents. Ministers in different denominations compete with each other. Preachers in the same denominations compete with each other for a larger field and incidentally a larger salary, which is certainly not wrong.

Then if it is sound for men to compete with each other in this field, certainly it is thoroughly a sound principle that men out in business should compete with each other to determine who can give the best service to the man in providing the clothing of his family, in furnishing shoes, in furnishing books, etc.

The last question that is of great interest, and that I will not have time to discuss, is the ethics of modern business with reference to employer and employee. I think that the difficulties here are not fundamentally economic.

They are not fundamentally material. In the rapid change from small production to large-scale production, in the rapid move of people from the rural section into the great cities, we have allowed men to become separated and they no longer know each other and much of this serious trouble in industry today between these classes is due to that separation.

Another unfortunate event has come and that is in the changing from small-scale production to the great factories where men have specialized more and more. The man has lost interest in his work largely because the thing is so complicated that he can't see it. Standing over a machine and doing nothing all day but putting on a shoe heel and not knowing where the shoe is going and who will wear it, makes him lose interest in his work and the chief cause of inefficiency in production today, I think, is that men no longer love their work and the man who is not devoted to his work is always inefficient in that work.

The great problem and the great work you can do there is to bring back that personal relationship, that relationship of friendship to show the great masses of the people that work is not a misfortune, that work is a blessing, that it is through work that we live, it is through work that we serve the world and "He profits most who serves best."

Practically all of these schemes that we sometimes call profit sharing, fundamentally on an economic basis they do not differ from other activities, but some far-seeing employer, understanding the nature of the difficulty restores through one means or another that relation of friendship, puts work on a sacred basis, awakens the ambition of the employee through increasing his interest in his work, and thereby comes out wonderfully.

IN conclusion, "He profits most who serves best," is the principle that stands at the very foundation of the very best religion in the world. It is remarkable that we have been so slow to comprehend and apply it. But you must remember that we are slow about everything. The human mind, as a matter of fact, is very stupid and it takes us a long time to learn a new thing or to make a new application of an old principle.

They say that men used a one-prong fork for two hundred years before it ever occurred to anybody to add another prong and that it would be an improvement. They used to stick it into a beef steak and let it wiggle around when the addition of another

prong would have saved them all of that.

I told that story sometime ago and a man came up and said: "That's nothing, we crawled through small holes in our shirts for one thousand years before anybody thought of cutting it down the front and making the hole larger, and then it was only done by accident."

So my friends, we are slow. This great message of life was first committed to the church, but the church had so many concerns in mind that it has made poor progress in taking this to the world.

It was then committed to our school systems, but unfortunately I think the schools of the present day have given up the idea that it is the function of a school to teach men, or boys and girls, how to find life. Lastly, this message to the world has been committed to the hands of men from the great, real world, working men, busy men, men who are grappling with the real problems of life. The men who are doing the work of the world are the men best capable to lead in spiritual as well as in material things.

It is the tendency of all human institutions that specialize to degenerate. They first rise through some great service to humanity, then the tendency is to entrench themselves in a great material equipment and then block the current that they are supposed to keep open. Somehow I think that the Rotary movement is going to be an exception. Why? Because you build your temples not upon brick and stone and clay, but upon human hearts.

Notwithstanding our education, notwithstanding the progress of science, notwithstanding the great material development and the spread of human knowledge, men who look beneath the surface today understand that the world is yet in large measure in darkness. Why? It is chiefly because they have not learned this lesson. They have not learned how to find life.

This, I think, is the first great international non-sectarian, non-theological movement organized in all the history of the world, with but one purpose, one single purpose, to go out to the uttermost parts of the earth and teach men by demonstration how to find life and carry this great fundamental philosophy of human life to every man that he may understand that, "He profits most who serves best."

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A Panorama of Service

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ourselves and having the best time of our life, due to the cordial welcome extended to us by all of you.

Cuba, one of the first overseas countries elected to membership in Rotary International, is a progressive nation in every way, and the seed of Rotary planted there seven years ago has bloomed into a most satisfactory crop, developing the application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business, and community life.

Our very dear governor had the pleasure and honor of attending the Toronto convention last year, and after a very close study of the Rotary activities of that gathering he started his work in Cuba and through his Rotary education he was able to organize three new clubs which means an increase of practically thirty-three and one-third per cent compared with the number of clubs existing when he was elected.

He has visited all of the different clubs from one end to the other of the Republic of Cuba, and I can assure you that the standard of business methods, boys work, and civic activities has been greatly improved as a result of his active work.

Our executive conference was held in the youngest club, Cardenas, and the district conference was held in Cienfuegos where we had the pleasure of receiving a visit from our valued International Director, John Bentley and of Assistant Secretary Lester Struthers, in representation of our beloved President Everett Hill who was not able to go to our country to honor us with his visit.

We are all going back to Cuba to continue our work there, with the experience obtained at this convention, and with our hearts full of appreciation for all the Cleveland Rotarians who have been so good to all of us.

We want all of you to feel at home while visiting Cuba, and to address our clubs when in need of any information about our beautiful island, where the atmosphere of romantic old-world charm exists, and where the best business opportunities offer a great future.

It is our desire to encourage and foster closer relations with all the Rotary clubs of the world in order to develop acquaintance as an opportunity for service.

South Africa

By R. W. RUSTERHOLZ

IT has been a long, long trail, I can assure you, but I have been repaid a hundred-fold. It is with the keenest pleasure that I transmit to you today the greetings from not only all Rotarians in South Africa, but also from the government and prominent leaders in that country.

I know you will be interested in hearing something about extension in South Africa. One year ago at the Toronto convention there was one club

chartered. Today we have five clubs with charters and three more applications on the way. So that today there are eight Rotary clubs meeting regularly every week in South Africa.

We thoroughly agree with Chairman Will that in communities as small as 2,500 population, Rotary clubs have a distinct function to perform and thereby be a power in civic life. Ordinarily, there are no other organizations in such small communities, therefore we feel that Rotary clubs will do a wonderful work in the smaller community. Therefore, we have set ourselves the task of going out in these small towns and organizing Rotary clubs. So we look forward to the time in the not too distant future where we will have about fifty clubs in South Africa.

We have also sown the seeds of Rotary in Portuguese East Africa, Southwest Africa, northern and southern Rhodesia, Belgian Congo, and Madagascar. In all of these places they are intensely interested, and we hope one of these days we will have Rotary clubs in all of these countries.

I know you will be interested to hear that on my way to Cleveland I stopped at various countries on the East Coast, and of course, discussed Rotary in every town, and even in the most out of the way places I found men who were keenly interested in Rotary, had heard of it and all wanted clubs in their towns, so that I think this is a wonderful exhibition of how Rotary has spread all over the world.

I know you will agree with me that it is a pleasure to tell you that the Prime Minister (not only the present Prime Minister, General Herzog, but the former Prime Minister, General Smuts) has given Rotary cordial approval and in fact, General Herzog recently asked, "When are we going to organize more Rotary Clubs in South Africa?"

We feel that in South Africa, Rotary has a wonderful opportunity to perform a service to our country. We unfortunately have a distinct racial feeling between the English- and Dutch-speaking sections of the country, and until this feeling can be eliminated South Africa will not progress. We all realize that. Rotary has set itself the task of expressing goodwill, friendship, and good fellowship between the Dutch- and the English-speaking races, so that some day we will be able to eliminate this feeling and Rotary will then have performed one of the biggest and finest services it is possible to perform for any country.

At this time I have the pleasure to transmit to you from the Prime Minister of South Africa a cordial invitation to all of you to come and visit us. I can assure you that you will receive a royal welcome.

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France

By MARCEL FRANCK

SINCE last March, when it was decided that I was to represent the Rotary Clubs of France at the Cleveland convention, I have been anxiously awaiting the moment when it would be possible for me to talk to you frankly and to meet once again my very dear friends. First of all, allow me to bring to you the sympathy and affection of the Rotarians of France, and assure you once more of our very deep and constant application of the ideal of Rotary which is uniting all of us today.

I wish to thank very particularly the Cleveland Rotary Club which has tendered us the hospitality of this beautiful city and I can assure you that we will always have in our hearts a perpetual remembrance of the charming hospitality.

I would like to tell you all that my heart feels, but unfortunately an unbreakable rule compels me to omit many things which you might like to hear.

The marvelous speech of President Hill gives me the opportunity to express the most interesting, and I believe, the most important of my ideas. We can assure you that we have all understood the philosophy of service which is only one of the great modern forms of the great law of sacrifice, which Christianity has created and practiced since its foundation. With his intensity of belief, President Hill hopes very heartily that Rotary may be established in all the powers of the world. Here, I wish to warn him and tell him to be careful, for the following reasons: The basis of our relation is friendship, the sympathy and the fellowship already existing strengthened by our assistance to Rotary.

Confidence will disappear from our clubs if we have next to us at the table some people affiliated to Rotary with whom heart peace is not yet made. Not only will it be a handicap in organizing new clubs, but the existing clubs will not increase in membership. In France, we wish very heartily to welcome into Rotary former enemy countries, but only in a manner which will treat gently the French susceptibilities and which will follow and not precede the sympathy resulting from the soothing of the sentiments of hostility still existing.

We must cultivate friendship.

In a word, it is with an extreme prudence that I advise Special Commissioner Teele, for whom I have a great deal of admiration, to proceed to organize clubs in former enemy countries.

We do not cultivate hate, but we all carry in our hearts deep wounds which only time can heal, and I dare say that there are some that will never heal.

All French Rotarians have personal friendship in Czecho-Slovakia, Roumania and Serbia—take advantage of them. We place them entirely at your disposal.

We French people are very susceptible, but we are deeply sincere. Do not lose men who love you just to win others whom you do not know. We are the past, you are the present. It is then the duty of all of us from old Europe to bring to you advice derived from our experience and for you, a

young and very great country, to bring to us the support of all your activity, of the new blood circulating in your veins, and together, working hand in hand under the noble banner of Rotary, to build the future.

I want, therefore, to invite you and I wish to impress this upon the Board of Directors, to celebrate the 1927 convention in France in the beautiful city of Nice, according to my wishes already expressed to you while I was at the Toronto convention. I am convinced that beneath the blue Mediterranean sky, among the most enchanting vegetation, among the flowers and the olive trees, emblem of peace, we shall consecrate forever the beneficial work of Rotary in the world.

You will all see then that in spite of the difference of civilization and language, that we shall always understand each other when it will be a question of serving humanity with our goodwill and our heart.

Italy

By AUGUSTE JACCARINO

IT is two months only since I have arrived in the United States from Italy, and I sincerely regret that I am not able to speak fluently in your beautiful language. I trust that Rotarian Manier will be kind enough to read for me a few words. First, however, let me say I bring most cordial greetings from the Rotarians in Italy to the Rotarians of the United States.

(Chairman Manier read the remainder of the address.)

Brother Rotarians:

Leaving Italy, voyaging along the monotonous Atlantic route, I often asked myself: What does this steamer represent that is taking me from my Land of the Sun and of Love to that of the Stars and of the Dollar? Does it, perhaps, represent only a load of persons and merchandise passing from one continent to another? Does it represent, perhaps, only the powerful tenacious efforts of an engine and a prow striving to plough the restless ocean waves?

But on reaching here, among you, I feel that the steamer represented for me something better and of more importance for it gives me the opportunity to bring the fervid salute of the Italian Rotarians to the great, well-deserving family of World Rotarians gathered in solemn convention in this beautiful City of Cleveland. A brotherly, sincere salute from so far in the distance but so near in our heart, a salute that is not a usual conventional manifestation, but an act of pure faith, a high affirmation of consent and solidarity.

In nearly six months, brothers, ten Rotary clubs have been organized in the most important Italian cities. Rome, Milan, Genoa, Turin, Venice, Florence, Naples and Palermo are at the head of the movement and the members affiliated with them are of the most notable of Italy. Giants of science and of art, conspicuous personalities of politics and aristocracy, high officials of the nation, directors of the largest banks, of the most important industries, of the most developed commerce, the best agriculturists, renowned professional men, form the chosen group of the Italian Rotarians who represent a considerable moral, economical and political strength considering the im-

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portance of the capital and of the imposing laboring masses they control.

Thus, thanks to the initiative of the Milan section, on the occasion of the recent celebrations in honor of His Majesty King Victor Emanuel III—to whom it is my pleasure and duty to send from this distant latitude the homage of a loyal subject—ten millions have been collected for the foundation of a scientific research institute for the treatment of cancer.

And thanks to the Neapolitan Rotarians a society has been organized for the construction of an auto road between Naples and Salerno, very useful to the local commerce, which will require an expenditure of nearly \$80,000,000.

Other important initiatives are being taken, and I can with sure conscience affirm at this great gathering that the 46th District is already the vanguard of the ideals and realities constituting the dynamic force of the Rotarian movement—a movement that we Italians look to in the universal sense of the word and freely profess for the beauty of its animating idea and for the altruistic purposes it strives to attain.

And let us try, brothers, in this religion, to educate to social solidarity the part of mankind that has just emerged from war with the soul still more exasperated by nationality, class and party competition. Let us convince men that it is foolish to continue fighting among themselves when only in a reciprocal love they can find a sufficient strength to combat the great battles against nature. Let us prepare, finally, that "Society of Nations" auspicated by the great thinker Mazzini,—that international goodwill, that the pacifying platonic attitude and the materialistic theories of socialism have not yet succeeded in creating.

With this faith I confirm to you the salute and the adhesion of Italy, of the people who can love best in the world, and I invite you to hold our next convention in Rome, the Immortal City.

The Netherlands

By ANTON VERKADE

IT is indeed a wonderful feeling to stand here again after two years ago in St. Louis, before a vast audience of Rotarians, to know that when presently I go home I have renewed the old friendships and that I have made quite a number of other friends, all men engaged in the same object of forming a chain of Rotary clubs all around the world to promote fellowship and mutual understanding.

I have been asked many a time as a director of Rotary International if I thought that Rotary would take on the continent, and I have answered "Yes, decidedly so." I do not know of a place where Rotary can do more good in creating something of mutual understanding between those countries which are so near together, which are seemingly so far apart.

The question always is, "What do we know of Rotary?" Practically nothing. The various countries do not know each other at all as they should, and it is best exemplified by just a little story. A brother of mine visited an American family, and the lady of the home told her little girl that on the next morning she would see a real Dutchman. But when the little girl opened the door that morning she ran away with a disappointed face to her

mother and said, "Mother, this is not a real Dutchman at all; this is just an ordinary gentleman."

Of course it would take some time and it is a great trouble to find at first the right person in these various countries to start a Rotary club. At this place I want to pay tribute to a man who has been on the continent of Europe now for nearly two years, who has been traveling from north to south and from east to west and who has done more to promote Rotary on the continent than any one I know. That is our good friend Fred Warren Teele, who has given all of his time to it.

I stand here to bring you the greetings of the Rotary Clubs of Holland. We have at present four clubs, one in

Amsterdam, one in Utrecht, one in Rotterdam and one in The Hague. I assure you if you come across and visit them you will find there the real Rotary spirit, and if you come in numbers I am perfectly sure that any of these clubs will conduct their meetings in your own language and that you can understand it.

I know that I should not take up much time but I just want to tell you this as a parting thought. I want you to think now and then when you think of the continent of Europe of the great struggle they have all gone through, a struggle which was surely not started by the peoples of these various countries, who are peaceful enough, but by some unscrupulous poli-



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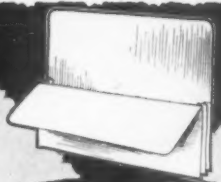
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ticians who dreamed of expansion and power. But I am perfectly certain if Rotary takes hold as it should on the continent of Europe, we will fight together against such human evils and then we will not do it with weapons of steel but we will do it with the much stronger weapons of mutual understanding, fellowship, and love.

Norway

By I. C. SOLBERG

IT gives me great pleasure to be the instrument of conveying to this distinguished assembly a message of profound goodwill and sincere greetings from the Rotary Clubs of Norway. The establishment of Rotary branches in my country is of but relatively recent date, so that compared with the United States the movement has among us barely passed through its seedling time. But I feel convinced that the seeds have been sown by a provident hand, for, already, the inspiring Rotary gospel, with its lustrous accompaniment of unselfish mutual devotedness, the spirit of genuine fellowship and goodwill, have found an abiding place in our hearts, and what is more, it bids fair to become a powerful national force among us. This, at any rate, is one of our foremost aims, and there is, after all no reason why that coveted goal should not be reached within a measurable future in a country which was found worthy to be selected as the arbiter in the annual award of the Nobel Peace Prize.

It was my privilege previous to my arrival at this convention to attend as the Norwegian Rotary delegate the Centennial Celebration in Minneapolis, where the landing in the United States of the first Norwegian settlers was illustriously commemorated. A sense of deep and justified pride filled the hearts of all the participants in that historic festival. It was a pride born of the knowledge of the astounding transformation wrought by the hands of Norwegian emigrants through one century of human toil and perseverance. (A mere glimpse at the rich fields and flourishing towns of Minnesota affords undying testimony of the remarkable achievements of these pioneers from the bleak North). But what to me as a conscious Rotarian made the greatest appeal of all was the thought that in all their strivings, in all their ups and downs, these toiling kinsmen of mine were surrounded by the charitable feelings, the ungrudging support, and, above all, the whole-hearted goodwill and moral encouragement on the part of the members of that great nation in whose midst they had come to build their new homes.

There can be no room for surprise, therefore, at the fact that this same nation subsequently gave birth to a movement that was to lead the way in transplanting and fostering true human fellowship among the nations of the world. The task is, to be sure, a stupendous one, and is doubly onerous at a time when the world is still smarting under the wounds of the great war.

But we Rotarians of Norway all recognize and believe in the possibility of its successful achievement. What is more, we consider it the sacred duty of each and all of us to take an active share in paving the way towards our common goal. We recognize, and believe, that in our day there is no force in the world more capable of transforming hatred among mankind to friendship, selfishness to service, indif-

ference to mutual interest, persecution to toleration, than the soothing spirit of the Rotary movement.

Perhaps in no place on the earth is the penetration of this benevolent influence more sorely needed than in the central countries of Europe. There is a widespread and keenly felt desire among Norwegian Rotarians that the Rotary ties may be established in those countries as quickly as possible. Norway, perhaps more than any other neutral country in the time of the war was called upon to suffer the severest hardships at the hands of the central powers, but this is the more reason why we consider ourselves specially designated as spokesmen for the necessity of a speedy linking of the Rotary movement with those particular countries. We are convinced that only then will we begin to discern the dawn of true and lasting European peace, and, when that end is gained, our ultimate goal, namely, of permanent, universal goodwill, will surely not be very remote.

Switzerland

By ARTHUR REBER

IT is a great honor to me, and I am both proud and glad to have had the mission entrusted to me of representing for the first time the Swiss nation at the world's Rotary Convention.

The Rotarians of four of the youngest clubs have charged me to be the bearer of their hearty greetings, and most sincere good wishes to all of you, Rotarians of the world, and especially to that distinguished phalanx of leaders who have made and who so effectively represent Rotary International.

Thus Zurich, Berne, Geneva, and Lucerne are the first Rotary Clubs established in our peaceful and progressive little republic, but we hope in a short time to develop to a Swiss district, and to grow as a strong and reliable branch on the far-spreading tree of noble Rotarian endeavor.

The Rotary Clubs of Switzerland have on this happy occasion the pleasure of proclaiming to you, Rotarians of twenty-four nations convened from all parts of the globe, a humble message of peace and goodwill, and in delivering it before so many thousands of energetic men, chosen from the best, it is an overpowering thought to hope and believe that we are here uniting such forces for the welfare of all.

To you, Rotarians of America, who are the pioneers of such a noble enterprise, the Swiss Rotarians send their most heartfelt greetings and thanksgiving!

The political forms of my country, dear little Switzerland, are not very different from those of our great brother republic across the ocean, whilst our moral conception of work, business, and social status, principles on which are built up the life and destinies of every nation, are the same in both democracies.

Only the scale differs, and it is certainly a splendid achievement of the Rotarian spirit, that such a small and such a great people have been able to meet in a unique, generous endeavor, in the propagation of the ideal of peace and goodwill throughout the world.

So much I wanted to say on behalf of the Swiss Rotary Clubs which I represent, but I also wish to thank you most heartily for having made me feel

so much at home among the Rotarians of America.

Rest assured that my Fellow Rotarians will always be pleased to give you a welcome in the old country of Wilhelm Tell, and we also hope that many of you will look us up sooner or later, to convince yourselves that if we are still very young Rotarians, we have the good will to be strong and useful, in one word, to give every effort to service. This shall be our final wish and promise!

Denmark

By E. HARMS

I AM glad to have the opportunity to tell you that our club in Copenhagen is about four years old and we have today about seventy members.

About four months ago we started a second club in the province, in the town of Aarhus, and this club today has twenty members.

We do not care to grow too fast because we are looking for just the right people as Rotarians.

You must remember that Denmark is only a little country, with a population of about three million people.

We do not sing as much as you do. I should like to have them do more singing and I am going to recommend that they do more of it, when I get home, but we in our hearts are just as good Rotarians as you.

It will perhaps be of some interest to you to hear how we try to get a strong Rotary fund in Copenhagen. Every Wednesday when we have our meeting and pay for our lunch, we also pay one krone (which is approximately twenty-five cents) which goes to the fund. Another way, should any member forget his little Rotary button, he is obliged to pay one krone to the Rotary fund.

That is perhaps a good idea to take up in other Rotary Clubs.

I may say that I feel in my soul that the spirit of Rotary has taken seed and will spread throughout Denmark and also throughout Europe, and specially this must include Germany and Austria, which in my opinion are ready for the sowing of the seeds of Rotary.

I close with kindest regards from the Rotary Club of Copenhagen.

Brazil

By FRANK PERKINS

LAST year, in Toronto, you were told that Rio de Janeiro is on the road to Paradise. The man who told you that did not lie to you.

Not long ago I heard a Rotarian from Montreal state at one of our luncheons that if he were obliged to choose between Heaven and Rio, he felt inclined to say Rio. Naturally, we are to believe he made this statement because being in Rio he found it so delightful, that it seemed difficult to him that Heaven should be better. Although

I have never visited Heaven, my judgment must be restricted to my knowledge of Rio de Janeiro, and a few other places on the globe. If Heaven is better than Rio, it certainly must be beautiful.

It is unquestionably expected of me to tell you a few things about Rio Rotary. Let me start by saying that the representative we had in Toronto last year, Roberto Shalders, who continues to be the club's secretary, is really a sample of what we call a Brazilian.

Indians, as you have been taught to believe, are not at all a common sight on the streets of Rio or elsewhere for that matter. There being, therefore, no doubt as to what you may expect when visiting Brazil, let us now pass to a short description of Rio Rotary life this past year.

Our secretary got back full of new Rotary life, having visited some twenty clubs in the States, as well as the London and Paris clubs. He saw a lot, and seems to have learned a lot.

His first preoccupation when arriving among us late in September, was the organization of our Rotary round table. This idea of yours has contributed very much indeed towards making better Rio Rotarians. When it was inaugurated early in December, Herbert Coates, Special Commissioner for South America, was present.

The club had its first luncheon attended by ladies, on the 7th of September, to commemorate the anniversary of Brazil's Independence. It was a memorable meeting. There were many guests. This meeting placed Rotary on a solid base among the other associations represented.

On February the 2nd, we had the honor of receiving as our guest the Hon. General John Joseph Pershing, who, accompanied by two of his aides and the American Ambassador to Brazil, made the occasion one not to be forgotten by the club.

Forty-three of the club members were present and the other guests were all men of importance in community life.

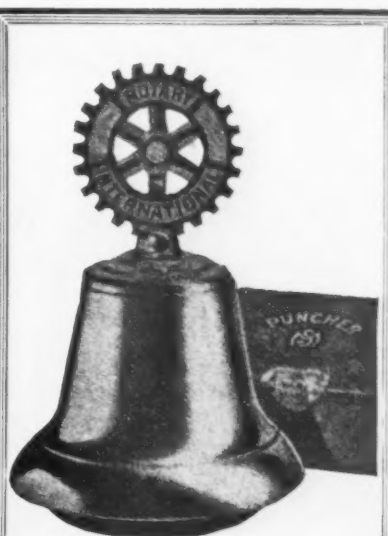
Christmas gave us an opportunity of helping twelve hundred poor children to enjoy a few hours of a bright Sunday.

To maintain closer connection between our members the club has a bi-monthly bulletin which will be mailed to anyone interested in our Rotarian life and willing to read Portuguese.

As I left Rio we were almost seventy in number and I may assure you high in Rotarian quality.

Ches Perry has this year been over to Europe. Why not keep on this side of the Atlantic Pond and come to pay us a visit? Bring Lester Struthers with you and thus become better acquainted with the land of the future.

In closing, let me wish you all, in the name of every Rotarian in Rio and Sao Paulo, our best greetings for a more prosperous Rotary year. May we see you soon.



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Among Our Letters

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activities are novel or wonderful. Many other organizations elsewhere are doing similar work. But we believe that through those activities we "serve." Entertainments for the patients at the nearby charitable institutions of our state and county, moving pictures for the children at our State Orphans' Home—these are some of the things we have found to do which had not previously been done, and we believe that in their small way they have brought pleasure and benefit to those whom we have tried to aid.

But in addition to the material service which we render to our community at large there is that other service which each member renders to every other member—that is, the service of friendship. As your president, Mr. Everett W. Hill, said, "A friend is one who combines the three qualities of Love, Sympathy, and Help." Working together toward a common goal, we nevertheless find that each has problems of her own to solve, which sometimes are made easier of solution by the friendly sympathy and understanding of club sisters in other lines of work. This does not seem to me an inconsiderable item of service. A better understanding among those engaged in different lines of work cannot help but make for harmony in the business life of a community. Women are in the business world to stay, whether, individually, they want to be there or not. We must, therefore, take an intelligent interest in the problems which confront the business world; not selfishly—simply for our own advancement—but in a broad sense, for the advancement of the whole community. We believe that our association as

members of the Rotana Club helps us to do this better.

Much of the spirit of our organization is a reflection of the splendid example of Rotary, and we hope that Rotary will continue to encourage and advise us, so that we may grow in influence in future years. We want to form other Rotana Clubs, not only in our own state, but in other states also, among women who want to grow into the civic life of their communities and to do their share to improve conditions for the community or for special classes—women who want to make of their business position something more than a vehicle to a career or a machine for bread-winning.

We feel that women's classification clubs have a field of service all their own; that with the inspiration and encouragement of Rotary and other similar men's clubs we will be able to occupy that field of service; and, as I have already said, I feel that our work has been more successful, that we have shown more initiative and have worked in probably greater harmony with the men's clubs, than would have been the case if we had been an integral part of the Rotary Club, or our members individually had been members of that organization. So, again I say, Rotary's attitude is the right one. Give us your example and the benefit of your experience, but do not take women's organizations into your ranks. I believe you would thereby lessen your own influence and we would gain less than by independent effort. I want also to express my personal gratitude to THE ROTARIAN for the pleasure and inspiration I have gained from its articles.

JESSIE ROSEOW,

Past President, Rotana Club of Butte, Mont.

One Week of Rotary

(Continued from page 7.)

emeritus of Rotary International, organizer of the first Rotary Club, came a message of greeting which was read at this session: "Twenty never-to-be-forgotten years have given Rotary standing as one of the impressive movements of the age. And yet we are not deeply concerned with what we have left behind us. The question is: What lies out yonder, beyond the distant horizon? Where sight fails, faith begins; and upon faith empires have been builded. I have no fear. He who has thus far sustained our cause will never fail us. Success to the Cleveland convention and health, happiness and prosperity to all assembled there."

No one can fully appreciate except the founder of Rotary, himself, the cost of having to send that message in lieu of attending the convention itself. It was a message from the man in the self-same city where only twenty years ago he had conceived an idea that was to encircle the world; an idea, that in 1925, for instance, was to have the impelling force of drawing ten thousand men from twenty-four nations of the world together in Cleveland. It was a message written within a stone's throw from where the original handful of first Rotarians occasionally held their meetings.

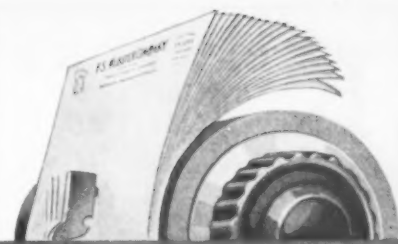
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Two matters touching upon Rotary administration were introduced during the Tuesday morning session: The report of the Secretary and of the Treasurer of Rotary International. "Ches" Perry reported briefly the work of his office, at the same time calling attention to the complete report which had been printed and distributed. A few of the high spots of his talk: More than three hundred clubs had been organized during the past year; a branch office established in Europe; arrangements in preparation for a Pan-Pacific Conference of Rotary Clubs in Honolulu in May, 1926; a meeting in the near future for all of the club presidents and secretaries on the Continent of Europe; the printing of a monthly letter in English, French and Spanish for Rotarians in countries outside of the United States, Canada, Newfoundland, Great Britain and Ireland; the great Boys' Week event this year and the outstanding work of Dr. Charles E. Barker in behalf of Rotary boys work; the conference of men engaged in boys work, representing several score of organizations, which was held in Chicago last December; and lastly the close touch that is maintained among the various offices of Rotary International: The Headquarters at Chicago, the President's office, the office maintained at the convention city, the branch office in Europe, and the headquarters of Rotary International—Association for Great Britain and Ireland, popularly termed the "R. I. B. I.," which offices are located in London.

Treasurer Rufus F. Chapin gave an accounting of the moneys handled by him or in his keeping, and the various special funds maintained. I noticed that he omitted to mention his salary this year, which formality he has always heretofore punctiliously observed. Last year he handled hundreds of deposits, signed something like eight thousand checks, acted at the direction of the board of directors in the purchase of various bonds, served as custodian of important papers, prepared reports for each meeting of the board—and received, by the terms of the Constitution, the munificent sum of one dollar. "Chape's" stewardship has been to him a labor of love. Concluding his report, he referred to the growth of the organization, not in numbers of clubs or members, but, statistically speaking, in terms of its income: "From August, 1910, to August, 1911, the total income of the then National Association was \$2,989.49. Five years later, from 1915 to 1916, the income had increased to \$64,174.39. Five years later, 1920 to 1921, the income had increased to \$317,018.63. The past year, from January 1st to June 30th, \$621,850.09."

Any who may have wavered in their belief as to widespread organization of Rotary—its internationalism, if you please—were abruptly jarred loose from all such doubt during the introduction of representatives and delegations from the twenty-four of the thirty countries represented in Rotary. A delegation of sixty from Great Britain and Ireland; a group of thirty from Cuba; fifteen from Mexico; representatives from Uruguay—Peru—Brazil—Argentina—Panama—Porto Rico; from Australia—New Zealand—South Africa; from Japan, land of the cherry blossom and the rising sun; and from many countries on the Continent of Europe. It has often been said that extremes meet in Rotary—so what more appropriate than the introduction of two delegates, one from the very bottom of the world, representing Invercargill, New Zealand—the other from up "on top," from Club No. 2,000 at Ketchikan, Alaska.

THE afternoon session on Tuesday opened with the introduction of the standing committees of Rotary, followed by four addresses on Rotary administration matters dealing with the International Constitution, the publications of the organization, club surveys and extension, and the budget of Rotary International. These subjects occupied the first part of the afternoon's program. Robert W. Hill, member of the Committee on Constitution, and also a member of the famous "Committee of 31" which drafted the new constitution adopted three years ago, told of the work of the latter committee. "We met as directed, discussed, argued listened, and then compromised with each other, and after it was all over, had produced an entirely new constitution and by-laws. We changed the composition and size of the board from five to nine (later changed to ten members by the addition of the immediate past president); we changed the name to one more dignified and of far greater significance; we preserved and protected permanently the fundamentals of Rotary; and we made possible the development in the fullest possible sense, of any and all nationalistic tendencies and ambitions." And in asking for another three years under the present constitution, the speaker warned of the danger of any over-machined organization. "Many a great institution has come into being in the world's history; has grown in strength and influence; has attracted large followings; and has given every indication of world leadership and possible domination; only to be weakened by becoming over-organized and by subordinating its great and sublime philosophy to the ambition for imposing ad-



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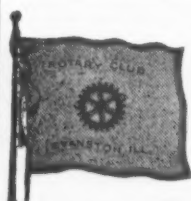
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ministrative machinery and trappings; and to be finally crushed to death by the very organization structure it had so proudly reared and which it had come, in its folly, to worship for its own sake."

Speaking to the subject of the publications of Rotary International, Director Paul H. King, of Detroit, referred to the wide influence of Rotary's magazine, THE ROTARIAN. Its circulation is well over a hundred thousand, he said. It goes to every country in which there are Rotary clubs, and he referred to the magazine as the messenger, the missionary and the ambassador of Rotary.

Vice-President Tom J. Davis, of Butte, Montana, made one of the best short speeches of the convention. I happened to be talking to Vice-President Tom just before he went upon the stage. I glanced at the notes in his hand. "They look like a Chinese crossword puzzle," I remarked. I didn't get his reply—but—it proves again that you can never tell what kind of a speech a man will make by the ammunition he carries. Vice-President Tom pled for the further extension of Rotary. "May I urge you men who have caught this great vision of Rotary not to be unwilling to give it to the other fellow; because as that great Man who lived a long time ago urged his companions to carry the message to the people who hadn't heard it before, it seems to be also the obligation of men who believe in Rotary to carry that great ideal to all of the people in all of the world, everywhere . . . and the effectiveness with which we will extend Rotary will depend entirely upon the attitude that the man outside gets of Rotary from the life that you and I live."

In an address illustrated with stereopticon slides, Vice-President Donald A. Adams presented statistics relative to the work at the Headquarters Offices and an illuminating analysis of the building of the annual budget of more than \$600,000. Vice-President Don packed a lot of detailed information on the different items of the budget into a brief thirty minutes. In concluding, he pointed out what he believed to be the most important of the general lines of work, that of the extension of Rotary around the world. "President Everett told us at Toronto that we were spending thirty cents per capita on this work. The work done by our special commissioners costs us \$15,000—in addition to the other appropriations covering extension work. Our policy of extension must be world-wide in scope, and progress in this work will be more rapid if larger resources of both man-power and money can be found and wisely used in the growth and development of clubs now formed and in the establishment of new clubs all around the world, but

particularly in those lands which are as yet without Rotary. Is an expenditure of thirty cents per capita for all purposes of extension commensurate with this task which may well challenge all of our resources?"

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"HIGH ethical standards in business and professions" had provided the text for the afternoon session on Tuesday. This second object of Rotary had formed a sort of minor theme to the three addresses just mentioned, the publications of Rotary, club surveys and extension, and building the budget. Three directors of Rotary had shown in the presentation of their subjects that the spirit as well as the letter of the second object is being observed in the administration work of Rotary. "That which you would preach, begin practicing at home," is an injunction as true now as in the time of Plato.

It remained for the second part of the afternoon's program to give emphasis to the application of the second object to business and professional dealings. Chairman Arthur Sapp, after dealing briefly with the work of the Business Methods Committee over the past year, told how the world is coming to look differently upon the double-standard practice in trade and industry; that the idealism of Rotary is the idealism of business men with single-standard ideals. "What will be the signs of this changed sentiment throughout the world?" he asked. "Is not this gathering of men from all over the world one of these signs? Men everywhere recognize that the conditions under which business is enacted are going through a very rapid change. There is and will be a trend of business toward better quality, better production and more simplified selling and transportation facilities. With these changes will come a demand for greater confidence among men. As men know each other better they will become more friendly, and becoming more friendly they will become more honest."

The address of Professor Gus W. Dyer, of Vanderbilt University, which was a masterful argument for the soundness of business ethics, economically, and which came at the conclusion of the afternoon's session, is being printed elsewhere in this number.

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WITH the nomination of officers, reports of the Registration and Credentials Committees, and sundry announcements cleared away, the convention got off to a flying start on Wednesday. I am not going to dwell upon the searching inquiry launched by Canon William Thompson Elliott upon Rotary in general and Rotary classifications in particular. As a Rotarian said, "I thought that just about every-

thing had been said and written about Rotary, but along comes this fighting parson with a lot of new ideas." I would like to tell you about this remarkable address and the remarkable way in which it was received with the delegates standing and cheering and waving their hands, but space is at a premium in this issue, and the speech is being printed in full elsewhere.

The Boys Work program during Wednesday's session was in charge of Chairman Hart I. Seely, of Waverly, N. Y. Chairman "Hart" briefly stated Rotary's aims in boys work. Rotary's whole purpose is to develop the right kind of citizen; to make sure that the boy receives the right kind of an education; that he has the opportunity to play; that he has a trained hand and a trained mind. "The men of today can do no greater work than to help the boys of today to grow into the kind of men that they should be tomorrow. . . . High-minded men, men of lofty ideals, men of business integrity. . . . The future rests upon the present, and the future generation will be what you make it."

And then came one of the surprises of the convention. The next feature had not been programmed and was as unexpected as it was a revelation. A boy, fourteen years old, still in knee trousers, brought to that vast assembly a message that was a clear call to service. This young lad—Levon Stepanian—is chairman of the senate of the Boys' Club of Richmond, Virginia, an organization of boys founded and financed by the Richmond Rotary Club. Young Stepanian is the son of Armenian parents who came over to America not many years ago. "I have tried to live these few years of my life a clean, upright, honorable boy and I have been a member of the boys' club for five years," he said in part. "This is one of the things that has been responsible for my five years of clean life, and again I have been constantly in company with Rotarians and I want you to know that your life has been an inspiration to me—not only myself, but boys in your community have been benefited by your example. If some of you should ask me what I thought of Rotary, I do not believe I could find words to express my feeling more beautifully than a few lines I read some time ago. A dear old Quaker lady, who was asked what gave her such a lovely complexion and what cosmetics she used, replied sweetly: 'I use for the lips, truth; for the voice, prayer; for the eyes, pity; for the hands, charity; for the figure, uprightness; and for the heart, love.'"

Concluding, he declared: "I often wonder if you men who are doing so much in this world in building up man-

hood ever stop to think that some boy, somewhere—it may be your own boy, it is perfectly natural that it should be—are looking to you for leadership. We can never be too careful of the life we lead, for somewhere I believe I am safe in saying that some boy is holding you as his great hero. What could be greater and finer than to be the hero of some honest, upright boy. My closing word to you gentlemen is that God may help you to be the heroes we boys think you are!"

The boy orator from Richmond was followed by Charles R. Gardner, an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Omaha, who called attention to the world-wide interest manifested in Boys' Week, first inaugurated by Rotary. "It was a wise mind, indeed, that decreed that Boys' Week should be staged by boys with just as little participation on the part of men as possible. The part played by you and by me in a Boys' Week program, is, as it should be, insignificant. As a matter of fact, we are the stage hands—scene shifters in this particular program. Boys' Week should be staged by boys; it is, or should be, the boys' show—his offering to the public who is interested in him and in his welfare. It is his act. The platform is his for the week. The boy welcomes the opportunity. He is quite sure that he will receive your co-operation. He is proud of the opportunity to participate in a boys' program."

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THREE Rotarians brought a message as to boys work in their respective countries. They hailed from Uruguay, from Mexico and from far-off Australia. Benjamin Gelling, of Sydney, told how his own city had raised \$65,000 through the efforts of the Rotary Club, for the Boys Brigade, an organization similar to the Boys Clubs of America; how the Rotary Club of Melbourne was making plans to stage a Boys' Week program as well as co-operating with the local Boy Scout organization; how crippled children are being given aid physically and then given vocational training to make them self-supporting; of Rotary's interest in adequate playgrounds for children; and lastly, assistance to the Parents and Teachers Association.

Rotarian Norman Coates—from Uruguay, the first country in South America to embrace Rotary—explained the difficulty experienced by the organizers in making people believe that there was nothing secular, political, or religious about Rotary, that Rotary had no axe to grind other than its ideals of service and goodwill. The Rotary Club at Montevideo, he reported, is securing the cooperation of government officials in providing necessary facilities for underprivileged boys, such as, for example, night lodging.

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not as you read of it in the sensational headlines," urged Rotarian Tom Sutton, governor of the Third District (Mexico). "I want you to appreciate," he continued, "that Mexico has undergone a great social movement and revolution very similar to that which has happened in Russia, and Mexico has been able to a great extent to control these great forces and bring about peace and prosperity in that nation to the south. Mexico is a very large country, 800,000 square miles, and 16,000,000 inhabitants, yet 80 per cent of these 16,000,000 are illiterate. The other 20 per cent, I want to tell you, are the finest, most cultured, most lovable people it has ever been my privilege to associate with." He reported that every Rotary Club in Mexico is engaged in some kind of boys work. Four clubs have provided their cities with playgrounds equipped and paid for by Rotarians; another has provided an *escuela granja*, an agricultural school for street urchins, representing an investment of \$50,000; another club—at Orizaba—just organized—while waiting for a survey to show just what was needed, gathered up all of the school children and hauled them off to the circus. Two other clubs—Vera Cruz and Tampico—are interested in Boy Scout work. "Interested" in this case meaning much more than a casual concern. It included the forming of a Boy Scout organization at Vera Cruz for Mexican boys, providing uniforms and a camp with library and radio; at Tampico, the building of a camp on the Tamasio River, with full equipment, at a cost of \$10,000. No publicity to the accompaniment of loud "huzzahs" from the populace—just a piece of work that was urgently needed and quietly accomplished by men who are having a lot of fun in the doing thereof.

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DOWN in Tennessee, as I am writing this, two groups of men—fundamentalists and modernists—are attempting to settle a somewhat mooted point as it affects the law of a great Commonwealth. Men whose business is the saving of men's souls are turning their eyes toward the little drama being enacted in the state famous for its blue grass and pure-bred horses. What more natural than for Bishop Charles L. Mead to inject an aphorism—humorous—but very pertinent to the subject of his address, "What Is Boys Work? We are having a good deal of discussion in these days concerning the ancestry of the human race," he said, "and there is a very distinguished gentleman traveling around the country insisting that Mr. Darwin isn't going to make a monkey out of him."

"I am perfectly glad that he is talking in that fashion, but my concern is

not so much as to whether I came from a monkey as to whether my children will think I was a monkey!"

Continuing, Bishop Mead declared, in part: "We are thinking not so much of the greatness of our land or of our particular national life. It does not consist in the sweep of our prairies, the number of our acres, the height of our mountains, nor the wealth of our inland seas, nor in the number of hogs that have been slaughtered on Thanksgiving Day, nor the number of bushels of grain that have been garnered in the Autumn season, but in the citizenship of a nation, and in the character of the life which is builded into the manhood of tomorrow, which grew out of the boy of today."

"When one stops to think of a boy, he asks, 'What are the rights of the boy?' The first right that the boy has, let me say very reverently but very emphatically, is the right to be well born. If he is coming into the world with the human heritage of the generations of the past, he has the right to ask of his ancestors that they shall give to him a fair chance to live his life of pure manhood in the years which are before him."

"We are, therefore, thinking of the heritage which comes down in the life of this boy. Oliver Wendell Holmes was once asked when the training of a boy should begin. He answered, 'A hundred years before he is born,' for the boy has the physical tendencies and physical heritage and he comes into human life bearing with him and through him the strain of the ancestry which has gone before him."

"My boy has a right to ask of me when I call him into being that I shall give to him a pure blood and a fine ideal and a physical heritage that will be capital enough to start him off in this world so that he can live a man's life in the world."

The speaker pointed out other rights to which every boy is entitled, the right to be well-bred, with social environments which will be helpful; a home in "which there shall be reverence and love and fatherhood and motherhood and righteousness and truth and honor and purity."

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DR. CLARENCE MACKINNON, president of Halifax College, and student of International affairs, in discussing the "Function of Rotary in International Relationship," Thursday morning, placed his finger, first of all, on the one spot in Europe that many believe today to be the key essential to European, and hence to world peace. "Compare for a moment," declared Dr. Mackinnon, "the situation in the Balkans, that hotbed of trouble, that danger spot in Europe. They are not of more diverse races than those that

have blended on this American continent. Their land is picturesque. No part of the world is more illustrious in story than the land about which Homer wrote.

"And yet today the Jugo-Slav regards with suspicion the Serb, and the Serb keeps a watchful eye upon the Bulgar, and the Bulgar is troubled about the prosperity of Roumania, while all the time the Turk across the narrow strait mutters and says, 'You will never have contentment again until you are once more under my control.'

"If it were possible," he continued, "to establish in the Balkans and in other parts of the world by the same goodwill, by the same mutual confidence, these relations that for a hundred years have characterized the situation between the United States and the Dominion of Canada, you would have conferred upon the world the most beneficent of all blessings."

Referring to the contribution to the cause of amity between Britain and America made by Walter Hines Page during the trying days of the World War, the speaker declared that if it were possible "to send into every part of the world, into every country, those who understand, those who appreciate, those who sympathize with the ideals and the aspirations of other countries, then we should on a foundation of Rotary principles lay the basis of goodwill amongst the nations of the earth."

Another speaker a little later during the morning, discussing the subject of Rotary Education, touched on the same question of International relations. Bishop James Wise, of Topeka, Kansas, pointed out the need for a further disarmament of warships and a reduction of the standing armies in the world—and the need for another class of "ships" to take their places: "Whatever a man's job may be, Rotary says to him that if the program of the destruction of the battleships of the world is to be effected truly, every Rotarian must take his place in the world's life and in the world's vineyard and begin to build ships that will take the place of these ships of war. Unless we actually accomplish the building of these ships, it might be that the destruction of the battleships of the world would be the greatest tragedy that ever happened in human history." Applying a parable, Bishop Wise called attention to some of these "ships" that the world is waiting for Rotary to build into the life of civilization. First, came Membership; membership in Rotary, not for what we can get out of it; but for what we are able to contribute to it. Second, was Fellowship; a tremendously real thing not to be talked about, but to be lived; a real job that begins right in our own Rotary club at home; to so translate this fellowship in our commu-

nity and in our state and country, that Rotary will be able to stand eventually before the world and let men know that fellowship can be a living reality among the nations of the world. Another was Stewardship; "a recognition of the fact that the things that I have and the things that I am are not mine." "You and I are what we are because we are the heirs of all the ages and all that it has given forth has been put into our hands, for us to use as we please. . . So Rotary in my estimation is building a new kind of aristocracy in the world that has got to be built not upon blood however blue, not upon money no matter how much you have of it, but upon Service. That is the one thing that is going to save the world. . ."

The speaker pointed out other "ships" to supplant those of war—Leadership—Statesmanship—Worship—Salesmanship—all necessary, he said, if we are to bring about the dawn of peace which we so fervently desire.

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TO Allen D. Albert, past International president, was given the privilege of interpreting to the convention on Thursday afternoon his vision of the Constitution of Rotary three years hence. "To an organization so youthful, almost anything can happen," declared the speaker. "Already Rotary has brought down about its head a minor concert of condescension, of adverse criticism, of some opposition, based upon the assumption that it possessed qualities which do not belong to it at all. The key to the security of Rotary is to be found perhaps in the fact that Rotary is an idea, not an organization. From almost the very beginning it has possessed the advantages of efficient administration in its central offices, but notwithstanding its amazing growth and the increasing complexities of its administrative problems, still it remains true that Rotary has not yet sacrificed the spirit of a great ideal to the whirring machinery of a great institution." The Constitution, the speaker pointed out, attempts to be definitive and authoritative in only three matters—the objects of Rotary, the organization and chartering of new clubs, and the management of the central office, of international conventions, and district conferences. How much more there was to Rotary is difficult to comprehend. For example, while the objects of Rotary are subject to the hard and rigid limitations of words, the responsibility rests entirely with the officers of the member clubs to fit these words to the daily conditions of the lives of their members.

Concerning the sentiment that there should be opportunity for more debate from the floor of the convention, Past President Albert declared: "Some changes may be expected in the Con-



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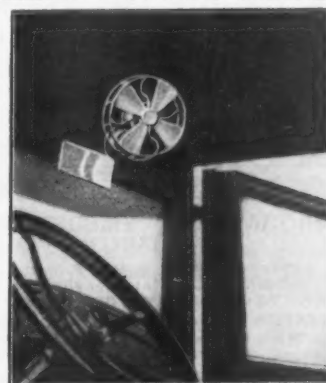
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stitution as it stands. Thus, there is an ever-growing pressure in Rotary, favorable to more debate in the international conventions. He must be a brave and valiant figure indeed who would attempt to obtrude himself into the even movement of a great machine like this [referring to the immensity of the assemblage and the hall]. More and more Rotary delegates are returning to their home, persuaded that unless there can be free debate in the international convention there must be a transfer to the district conferences of important elements of legislative authority.

"It happens I do not myself accept that judgment as sound. I present to you rather a warning that unless a means shall be found to open international conventions for the more nearly free and deliberate expression of general opinion among the delegates, we shall have the problem harmfully solved, it may be, by transferring functions from the international conventions to the district conferences."

The speaker called attention to the practice of electing executive officers and limiting their term of service to one year, giving them not more than seven or eight months of effective service. "We have an organization which almost literally hurdles the earth. It numbers the qualified delegates to its conventions now by the thousands. Yet we ask a new executive organization to assume charge of it, master its details and express these details in an ordered policy, all in twelve months."

Other problems were pointed out as being of still greater importance. "If it were given to me to furnish the policy of our institution through the year 1928," said the speaker, "I think I should provide a route map pointing Rotary irresistibly back to the member club. . . . And in the operation of the member club, certain needs appear which might be emphasized at great length. Thus within the year I have listened to two addresses upon subjects as far apart from each other as bonds for officials handling money and the quality of religious instruction in the public schools, both furnished to Rotary clubs free of charge by agencies of propaganda. Rotary in 1925 has become the shining mark for every special cause on the earth, until it shall appear that program committees in the member clubs are alike too energetic and too keen to allow their programs to be made up for them by propagandists. The member club will forever hobble along upon a crutch, half effective or less than half effective in unfolding the Rotary ideal."

Past President Albert pled for a greater participation of the individual member in the programs of his club. "That club has the richer life within

itself which depends upon its own members for the greater number of its own programs," he declared. "The essence of Rotary is that at a great fellowship table," he continued, "touching elbows with men of other callings, the individual shall learn how to be of greater service as a citizen, how to be of greater service in the aggregate of spiritual concerns that settle and center about his home."

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CANON WILLIAM THOMPSON ELLIOTT, speaking on Wednesday morning, had called attention to the essentialness of the classification principle in Rotary, the fact that it is the one thing that differentiates the structure of Rotary from that of other business or professional organizations. George T. Guernsey, chairman of the Classifications Committee, at Friday morning's session uttered a warning relative to violations of the classification principle. "Let me caution you regarding one thing which I believe is responsible today for more trouble than anything else. It is where a member changes his occupation. Our constitution provides that, when a member changes his business, his membership in Rotary automatically terminates. Enforce that provision if you desire to avoid trouble. As soon as the change occurs, let your president write the fellow how sorry you are that he has lost his membership and express the hope that he will enter some business that will enable him to rejoin the club. This is easy to do the first day, hard in a month, and impossible if you wait six months. Failure to act has resulted in duplication of classifications in many clubs."

"The Classification theory is not, as some suppose, a method of keeping certain persons out of the club. On the contrary, it is the vehicle by which the club secures representatives from the various businesses of the community. How shall the club proceed if we are to take full advantage of our classification principle? If you elect personalities, you are hunting trouble. If you decide that Bill Jones will make a good member and then create a classification for him, you are riding for a fall. If a wish to make classifications to fit certain desirable persons is the basis of your roster, you are bound to have a lopsided club. You can't expect a committee to give an unbiased decision when the result may mean barring a close friend. Experience has shown that we must proceed the other way. We must decide what classifications are available, and then find the men to fill them."

Chairman Guernsey emphasized the importance of making a careful classification survey of the community with the aid of the Standard Outline of Classifications compiled by Rotary In-

ternational and the last word in eligible classifications and in the subdivision of major classifications. The chairman said he had yet to examine a single roster where the club had filled 45 per cent of its available classifications, and that the average was under 33 per cent. The present membership of Rotary International, therefore, according to the speaker, is one-third of its possible membership—instead of 100,000 members, 300,000 is nearer the point of saturation.

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WILL HAYS, honorary member of the Rotary Club of Sullivan, Indiana, was introduced by President Hill, as a man who has helped to make history in politics, in business, and in religion. Directing a great national campaign at a critical moment, he placed his candidate in the office of president; as a member of that president's cabinet he reorganized the postal system; he is now engaged in building public confidence in the motion-picture industry, at the same time raising a fund of millions of dollars for pensions for Presbyterian ministers. "Building Public Confidence," he said, "depends upon private conduct. The one great need in the world today above all others is an individual moral and spiritual responsibility." The speaker referred to the Prince of Wales and the motto on his coat-of-arms: *I Serve*. "There is no greater motto; all the laws and the prophets are in it, and all the noblest thought of mankind for two thousand years. 'I Serve!' I do not shirk, I serve; I do not juggle, I serve; I do not grab, I serve; I do not push aside my neighbor, I serve; I do not trample my weaker brother, I serve; I do not oppress my workers, I serve; I do not walk alone, I serve; I do not break the law, evade the law, balance on the edge of the law of God or man, I serve! That is the thought of the real Rotarian."

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ANY adequate report of the Cleveland convention should contain much that has been omitted here. The many happy incidents that are particularly typical of Rotary conventions—the group meetings—district dinners—the annual reunions of old-time convention "regulars"—the entertainment features—the president's ball, colorful and inviting—all are a part of the fabric of a Rotary convention—all have their important place in spelling success for Rotary's annual meeting. The work of the song leaders—selected from the best in America—deserves much more than the casual mention given here. They set a new mark for community singing, bringing forth melody from a vast audience as an organist, fingering over the keys, would draw a symphony from the pipes far above him. The masterful

presiding of President Hill would provide a theme deserving of elaboration. Likewise the gracious act of the convention in presenting President and Mrs. Hill with a beautiful silver service, and Mrs. Hill's equally gracious acceptance speech when she invited everyone in the assembly to come out to Oklahoma City and visit them and sit around their family table—secretly hoping, as she said, that they wouldn't all choose the same day. And the many humorous incidents that enlivened the proceedings and in between. Many are worth repeating. For example, the over-portly delegate who, on his first visit to the convention was confused by the elaborate, labyrinthine system of "ramps." The determined look on his face showed plainly that he had an objective point. Three times, after as many absences, he showed up at his starting-point, puffing and perspiring, failure plainly written on his face. Upon the fourth attempt when he returned it was patent to all that success had crowned his efforts. To the expectant and curious group he exclaimed victoriously, "I'm satisfied. I've been to the top. I've seen Ches Perry!"

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THE convention was drawing to a close. For three days now the five objects of Rotary had provided the individual themes for as many sessions—a crescendo of minor and major movement drawing up to the climax of Friday's session with its interpretation of the Sixth Object: the advancement of understanding, goodwill and international peace. Fitting, indeed, was it that the chairman of the Extension Committee of Rotary International, Will R. Manier, Jr., of Nashville, Tenn., should preside over this session and introduce to the assemblage prominent Rotarians from many countries—Australia and New Zealand—Mexico—Japan—Cuba—South Africa—France—Italy—Holland—Norway—Switzerland—Denmark and Brazil. Each brought reports that Rotary is a virile, unmistakable force in their countries. They were not mere platitudes that these men presented to the convention, but definite and precise statements of what Rotary is accomplishing. From over the vast circumference of the great wheel of Rotary, crossing national boundary lines and barriers of mountain range and sea, a compelling magnetic force had drawn these men to the hub of the convention. It was not in the interests of trade that these men came; nor was it for private business purposes; no religious motive induced their coming; nor was it a political purpose that moved them; rather was it the impelling force of friendliness and brotherhood found in the common ideals embraced in this kinetic power called Rotary.

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—And Who's Who in This Number

OWING to the fact that THE ROTARIAN is mailed to members in thirty countries of the world, it is necessary, in order that copies of the magazine reach our readers as near the first of the month as possible, to print and begin mailing an issue in the middle of the preceding month. Therefore, with the convention closing on the 19th of June, little time is allowed for securing and assembling material (not available at the convention) and attending to the countless details that arise in connection with issuing a convention number for August.

This issue has been prepared with the end in view that it will give you not only an idea of the addresses that were delivered from the convention platform but many of those other important happenings that are just as much a part of the convention as that which takes place inside the convention hall. Of the addresses printed in this number, the one by Canon William Thompson Elliott was chosen because it presents an illuminating answer to "why are classifications?"—the one by Dr. Gus Dyer because it is an answer to those who are forever contending that certain high ideals in business are not sound—economically; and the series of addresses which were delivered on Friday afternoon by delegates representing many different countries were selected because they represented in many ways a world-wide "Panorama of Service."

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The interim between the international convention and the board and council meeting in Chicago during the latter part of July and the first of August, is an extremely busy period at Rotary headquarters. The some twenty departments and sections in the Chicago office during this period are not only gathering up the loose ends from the convention and giving service to more than two thousand Rotary clubs, but are preparing for a great influx of general officers and district governors and committee chairmen who meet for the purpose of giving consideration to the year's program of Rotary International. This year the council holds its meeting August 3rd to 6th, and while no invitations have been sent out other than to those officers expected to attend, any Rotarians in Chicago during that period will be welcome at any or all of the sessions.

Contributors This Month

Emerson Gause "covered" the convention sessions at Cleveland this year for THE ROTARIAN. "One Week of

Rotary" is the result. Our managing editor is a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago and this was his sixth Rotary convention.

Ed R. Kelsey is one of the old-time secretaries of Rotary, having held that office in the Toledo Rotary Club since June, 1914. Rotarian Kelsey is prominently identified with the International Crippled Children Society. When he is not busy looking after crippled children or editing "Toledo Spokes," the publication of the Toledo Rotary Club, Rotarian Kelsey finds a few moments to devote to his regular job, that of Boy Scout Executive.

Charles O. Smith, who contributes a report of the British Empire Dinner for this issue of THE ROTARIAN, is editor of *The Calgary Herald* and president of the Rotary Club of Calgary and a not infrequent contributor to the columns of this magazine.

Canon William Thompson Elliott is the immediate past-president of Rotary International—Association for Great Britain and Ireland, a man who has not only served Rotary in his own country but who has contributed much to the progress of Rotary internationally. He is Canon Residentary of Liverpool Cathedral.

Dr. Gus W. Dyer, whose address to the convention on Tuesday morning we are printing in this issue, is a professor in Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., an authority on economics.

Frederick W. Carberry is a member of the Rotary Club of Milwaukee, Wis., and one of the proprietors of the Carberry & Parker Company, music dealers of that city. All Rotarians who have either attended recent international conventions or their district conferences will know "Fred" Carberry without any introduction.

John Nelson, who contributes a sketch this month to our "Unusual Stories of Unusual Men," is a past-president of the Rotary Club of Vancouver, B. C. Business: Real Estate.

Arthur Melville, author of the leading editorial, "What About It?" is the *nom de plume* of a young writer who is contributing frequently to your magazine.

Believing that no report of the convention would be complete without some of the humorous sidelights, we asked Ralph Bingham, familiarly known as "Bing" to his Philadelphia friends, to cover this phase and accordingly he has offered us a report of the Chuckle Committee (page 41).

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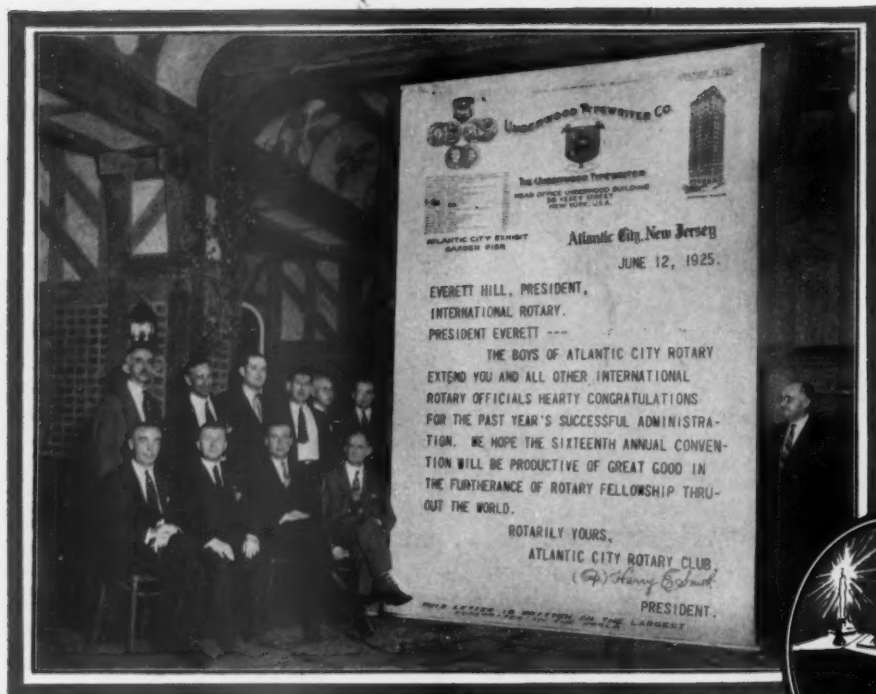
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